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Palestinian women break through police lines in Nablus yesterday while protesting against the Palestinian Authority. They demanded the release of relatives arrested during a raid on militants and tried to reach the building where PA President Yasser Arafat was to hold a council meeting. Two legislators met with them and promised to raise their grievances. (Renter)

'Eitan investigation won't hold up coalition'

THE coalition-formation process will not be put on hold till the police investigation of Tsomet leader Rafael Eitan is completed, spokesmen for prime minister-elect Binyamin Netanyahu stressed yesterday. They expect the new government to be formed before the investigation is concinded and Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair decides whether to

Meanwhile, Netanyahu intends to allocate portfolios as if there were no investigation and will hold in trust for Eitan the two portfolios reportedly carmarked for him - Internal Security and Aericulture.

Ben-Yair s office refused to comment on the affair yesterday, except to say that a decision on whether to indict Eltan would be made within a week. Eitan is suspected of obtaining confidential personal data from the IDF computer database and using it to pressure fellow Tsomet activists into leaving the party.

In particular, the attorney-general declined either to confirm or deny that he had ordered Eitan barred, oot just from the Internal Security Ministry, but from any ministry with access to confidential databases. If such a directive was issued, however, an indictment will almost certainly follow. The only reasons for not filing an indictment are lack of evidence or lack of public interest - and if either of these elements were missing, there would also be no reason to

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bar Eitan from a ministry.

Eitan met with the attorney-general yesterday morning and afterwards announced that he had requested that Netanyahu hold off his appointment until the investigation is over. "I am not pressing and asking for anything whatsoever," Eitan stressed.

In both the Likud and Tsomet, the assumption is Eitan will eventually get the portfolios set aside for him, because all he could be convicted of would be a technical misdemeanor. and not a crime involving moral turpitude. The 1993 High Court ruling which barred Aryth Deri from being a minister explicitly stated that barring a person from a ministerial post would depend on the type of crime involved. The incident is being treated by those close to Netanyahu as less than a major obstacle on the road to coalition formation; at most as a minor

In both parties there was considerable anger at the attorney-general, who was accused of pursuing a political agenda with sudden hyperactivity, resurrecting eight-year-old accusations against Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert and

Eitan's four-year-old case. Tsomer's Nehama Ronen, one of Eitan's aides and an unsuccessful candidate for the

Knesset, asked yesterday, "How it is that only a

week before Raful's ministerial appointment, someone suddenly chooses to remember this forgotten, very questionable case. The attor-ney-general's behavior is more than curious. The country's top legal experts all concurred in conversations with us that there is nothing which can prevent Raful from holding any port-

Eitan's right-hand man, Doroo Shmueli, who accompanied him yesterday to his meeting with the attorney-general, contended that at the meeting "things sounded quite different from how they do in the media. This is the first time the attorney-general met with Raful, despite four years of immendo...

"Ben-Yair told us that, as far as he can judge, Raful is not barred from holding any portfolio whatsoever, including Defense. He explained that there is still one point in the case which is not clear to him. He did not elaborate or specify the point, but he wanted a week or two for the police to look into it and feels that it would be improper for Eitan to be in charge of the force while it investigates him."

According to Shmueli, Ben-Yair said that. "There is no question of moral turpitude here. He agreed when I said that not to allow Raful to head any office with access to classified files would be like barring anyone from serving as transport minister if he ever got a traffic ticket." Ben-Yair, right or wrong, Page 12

Peres said to favor national unity gov't

PRIME Minister Shimon Peres tends to favor the option of a national unity government, Channel 1 reported yesterday.

According to the report, Peres told people close to him, "I am not a private person" and "Labor must be a partner to the political process," comments indicating his support for establishing a unity government.

Peres was also quoted as saying, "Labor cannot enter a government in which the peace process is not ensured" and "I don't need mediators, I have direct contact (with prime minister-elect Binyamin Netanyahul on every matter."

Senior Labor sources say Peres is willing to consider a serious offer to join a unity government if it comes from Netanyahu, but that at this point the chances are still greater for a Likud government.

Political observers believe that even after a coalition is put together, it will not be the final word, for Netanyahu is then expected to make a national unity offer to LaMICHAL YUDELMAN

Even if he only intends it as a courtesy, there are known to be a substantial number of Labor MKs who are eager to participate in a unity government. In that case, the thinking is that all of the Likud's partners will keep their portfolios, the number of ministers would be increased from the present 18, and the Likud and Labor would then have eight ministers

Sources close to Peres said this week that, in addition to Peres, ministers Ehud Barak, Yossi Beilin. Avraham Shohat, and Binyamin Ben-Eliezer favor joining the Likud in a unity government. Peres aides counseling him to make this move, if it presents itself, maintain that Labor's influence and power would always be greater as part of the government than in opposition.

Peres and Netanyahu have been

maintaining frequent phone contact, and their two meetings were reported to be friendly, positive. and filled with cooperation and mutual respect.

Peres made it clear yesterday that he has no intention of retiring

from political life or from Labor's leadership, and intends to devote himself to the party's rehabilitation. Peres also does not intend to advance elections for Labor's leadership, which must take place within 14 months after the elections, according to the party's constitution.

Peres stressed that he will not make any announcement concerning his future plans "until the next government is formed, which I hope will be next week. Then I will say what I have to say."

Peres reportedly took a grim view of Foreign Minister Ehud Barak's attempts to advance Labor's leadership showdown, and may now consider Barak his rival. Labor sources said Barak made a mistake when he started pushing himself as Peres's successor at this

The Channel 1 report suggested that if a unity government is ultimately formed, and Labor gets the Defense Ministry, it will be Peres who mans the post rather than Barak. In such a constellation, Barak might find himself facing a Peres-Haim Ramon front.

Sarah Honig contributed to this

NRP in as coalition talks seesaw

COALITION talks with the National Religious Party were hack on track yesterday, but derailed with Yisrael Ba'aliya, which broke off talks elaiming it is being discriminated against.

Likud insiders, however, maintained that prime minister-elect Binyamin Netanyahu remains intent on presenting his govern-ment next week to the Knesset. which convenes on Monday.

Their optimism was huoyed by a radical improvement in relations with the NRP, which was offer put to it yesterday for a heftier second portfolio. A further breakthrough was

reported over the nettlesome Religious Affairs portfolio. A rotation agreement has apparently been forged with hospitalized Shas leader Aryeh Deri.

Contacts with United Torah Judaism and The Third Way are also reported going well (story,

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coalition guidelines, which is not seen as problemane. But the guidelines on religious affairs have not been finalized, and difficulties could arise with Yisrael Ba'aliya, which does not want a more stringent religious

Yesterday's major development came in a meeting between . Netanyahu and NRP leader Ze-vulun Hammer, when the NRP was offered a better second portfolio than Communications.

status quo.

which so insulted it a day earlier. The two agreed to keep the new offer strictly under wraps, which prevented Hammer from divulging the information even to members of his party's new Knes-

set faction. The upshot was a spate of speculation over which portfolio the NRP was offered in addition to Education. Among those named was Labor and Social Affairs (known to have previously been

and Trade (assumed to have been offered to Yisrael Ba'aliya), or Housing (already eagerly coveted by UTJ and YB and said to have been set aside for Ariel Sharon), or Transport (reportedly offered to Sharoo along with Housing). Likud insiders do not rule out

the possibility that Housing will go to UTI and Transport to the NRP. They also say that, in the end, Sharon will be given Finance, but without the budget division, which is slated to be moved to the Prime Minister's

Another set of rumors floated yesterday claims that control of the Broadcasting Authority will not be moved from Education for the time being, and will be another candy offered Hammer. The opposing rumor is that Netanyahu is intent on privatizing the IBA, which Hammer opposes, and so the deal with Hammer was that the IBA would go to the Prime Minister's Office.

Finally, if the Likud grapevine (Continued on Page 2)

'War raging' between secular and religious over planned synagogue

SOME 2,000 Karmiel residents staged a protest last night at the cornerstone-laying ceremony of a synagogue and mikve in a nonreligious neighborhood, fearing that its construction will lead to the establishment of a haredi community there.

During the protest, angry words were exchanged between residents of the Ha irisim neighborhood and haredim, and the two sides almost came to blows.

A sign at the site indicates that a complex will be built hy the Ma'ayan Hatorah organization which will include a synagogue, a study hall, a mikve and a library.

We are protesting the fact that they are huilding something haredi here in the middle of a non-religious neighborhood," said neighborhood resident Sigal Shaked. "And who says tomorrow they won't try to close off the street? They've already started asking about prices of homes here, and say the people are from Safed and have a lot of

money to huy homes." Mayor Adi Eldar said the municipality is continuing to provide religious services just as it provides other necessary services. "In a relatively new neighborhood, which includes hundreds of homes, there must be a synagogue," he said, adding that for now only the synagogue would be built. "It's too bad that they're raging a world war over a synagogue in Kar-miel," he added. (Itim)



Netanyahu approves multinational monitoring group proposal

IN HIS first substantive foreign policy decision since his victory, prime minister-elect Binyamin Netanyahu approved a proposal for the formation of a multinational monitoring group, which was to be established in the aftermath of Operation Grapes of

Wrath. Netanyahn's approval included his own "comments," an aide said, but apparently leaves intact the principles underpinning the outgoing Peres government's negotiating position.

In the past, the Likud has been critical of the results of Operation Accountability (1993) and Grapes of Wrath. leaving some wondering whether Netanyahu would seek to implicitly or explicitly scuttle the monitoring format in favor of a unilateral approach by Israel in southern Lebanon.

"I think you can see this decision as a first signal that the DAVID MAKOVSKY

he says that he is serious about the peace process," the aide said. He noted that the people who are to inspect complaints by Isra-

el or Lebanon of a violation of the US-brokered April cease-fire of Grapes of Wrath are "monitors" who on specific occasions investigate the site in question. and are not permanent "peacekeepers" in the area. Israel has never viewed UNIFIL as an effective peacekeeper of sonthern Lehanon.

The whole notion of a monitoring group was to enforce the cease-fire, which was designed to keep civilians both in the Galilee and in southern Lebanon out of

The premier-elect and top aides were extensively briefed on the monitoring group last week by Foreign Ministry DirectorGeneral Uri Savir and top IDF officials. The Netanyahu decision was forwarded to Savir yesterday, and now diplomats from Israel, the US, France, Syria and Lehanon are supposed to hammer out the final terms, probably

in Washington. Netanyahu has made elear that he would not undertake major policy changes without first being thoroughly hriefed, and being given a chance to see all classified information relating to the issue at band.

Indeed, away from the spotlight on coalition negotiations, the premier-elect spends several hours a day receiving what some call "tutorials" on the issues at hand from top military and civilian officials, including the intelligence community. Among the issues that Netanyahu has been hriefed on include the Lehanon monitoring group, Hebron and the Oslo 2 accord.

Imprisoned Palestinian human rights activist: My life is in danger

A SENIOR Palestinian human rights activist charged with drug possession claims he was framed and his life is in danger, in a letter smuggled out of Gaza Prison in which he pleaded for help.

"I have been beaten and my life is in danger. They are trying to frame me with drug charges. Rescue me, the situation is dangerous," the letter from Dr. Eyad Sarraj said, according to AP which said it had seen a copy of it.

Sarraj, a psychiatrist and direc-tor of the Independent Palestinian Commission for Citizens' Rights, was arrested Sunday night. On Tuesday, plainclothes police searched the Gaza Mental Health Center which he founded and claimed to find 95 grams of JON IMMANUEL

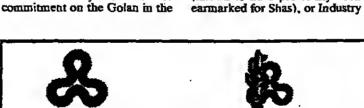
hashish among his papers. Public Prosecutor Khalid Qidrah said that the office was raided because "we had information that he had drugs. Those who support Mr. Sarraj look at him as a defeoder of human rights but be is human, not an angel." He denied that Sarraj was beaten. "It is a hig lie," he said. "I saw him. We don't beat anyone. Anyone who complains of beating com-

plains to us." Sarraj was arrested last-month after giving an interview in The New York Times in which he complained that he was 100 times less free to publish his opinions under the Palestinian Authority

than under Israeli occupation. He was released after nine days. following a published apology to PA President Yasser Arafat for any unintended persocal offense he may have caused,

After his release, the IPCCR said it would sue Qidrah for wrongful arrest, although it was clear Arafat had ordered it. Last week Sarraj wrote to Arafat explaining that "instead of controlling me you should control the mechanism which uodermines accepted standards of human

Several members of the Palestinian Council, including Hanan Ashrazi, former director of the IPCCR, and Dr. Haidar Abdel-(Continued on Page 2)





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Netanyahu delays US trip

Netanyahu is postponing his scheduled inaugural visit to the US until early July, his aide Danny Naveh said yesterday, insisting time is needed both to properly prepare for the visit and enable a smoother transition so the government can at least begin its

Even if Netanyahu succeeds in putting together a government hy next Mnnday, as some of his top aides hnpe, the target date nf June 25 would have only given him one week to srrange an American visit.

Yet with coalition negotiations bogged down with some of the DAVID MAKOVSKY

religious parties, it remains unclear whether Netanyahu could even put together a coalition by June 17 as his aides desired.

Moreover, abservers speculate that if Netanyahu remains locked into an early US date, his coalition partners could seize npon this to obtain more advantageous terms, believing that the premierelect is in a hurry to conclude the bargaining.

One possible by-product to the decision to delay going to the US is deflating the diplomatic buildsummit in Cairo. It seems the timing of the June 21-23 parley was designed intentionally to influence Netanyahu's meeting with President Bill Clinton immediately thereafter.

One idea that has been considered for Netanyahn's visit to the US is a commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the Entebbe rescue on July 4, 1976, when the premier's brother Yonatan was

It remains unclear whether Netanyahu will make the US his first foreign stop. After his election in 1992, Yitzhak Rahin made his symbolic first trip to Cairo.

Milo: Netanyahu must meet Arafat eventually

about making peace with the Palestinians, sooner or later prime minister-elect Binyamin Netanyahn must meet with Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat, Tel Aviv Mayor Ronni Milo said yesterday, a day after meeting senior PLO Executive Committee member Faisal Husseini.

Milo voiced confidence Netanyahu would meet with Arafat, hut said he does not know when. "Eventually it will happen. 1 don't know when it will occur or

Meanwhile, Netanyahu's office yesterday issued a vague statement on the future of Jerusalem's Orient House following visits there hy several foreign diplomats on Tnesday. The statement said the Netanyahu government's policy on Orient House would be "different" from its predecessors, hut aides would not elaborate.

During the campaign, Netan-yahu and other top Likud officials pledged to close Orient House. But immediately after the election, Jerusalem Mayor MK Ehud Olmert signaled that the DAVID MAKOVSKY

new government may reconsider this position if foreign diplomats atopped visiting there, thus reducing its political significance.

Milo said he met with Husseini after consulting with a top Netanyahu aide. "I wouldn't have held a meeting like this had there been opposition on Netanyahu's part," Milo said on Army Radio. "I suppose [Husseini's] intention was to show that the doors are open." Milo insists he did not discuss any diplomatic matters with Husseini.

However, it remains nuclear whether Netanyahu actually anthorized the meeting. Political sources insist Milo phoned in advance to consult, but when Netanyahu failed to return his call, Milo interpreted this as a go-

Yesterday afternoon, in an apparent hid to distance itself from the Milo meeting, Netanyahu's office issued a statement that only Netanyahu can designate someone to speak on his behalf with "the Arab or international

arena." For example, the premier-elect has designated foreign policy adviser Dore Gold to be a conduit to top Palestinian Authority official Mahmoud Abbas.

However, several Palestinians are apparently trying to serve as conduits themselves, since Netanyahu refuses to directly deal with Arafat New Likud MK Gideon Ezra, a former top official in the General Security Service, says he has been approached by unspecified Palestinians to set up a charmel of communication.

While there were disputes within the Likud about whether Milo acted with authorization, the very notion of meeting with PLO officials does not disturb Likud officiala anymore; a sea change from their past impassioned opposition to such

'We're no longer dedicating our lives to delegitimizing the PLO. We have been there and it's over. We're not going to fight past wars," Likud MK Tzahi Hanegbi said, "We are going to negotiate with the Palestinian



out of the town yesterday.

US official downplays missed Hebron withdrawal deadline

ASSISTANT Secretary of State for Near East Affairs Robert Pelletreau yesterday dismissed concern over the delayed Israeli withdrawal from Hebron, saving the matter must be worked out hetween incoming premier Bin-

tinian Authority. In a hearing before the House International Relations Committee, Pelletreau also reiterated, in response to a question, that the US will continue to deduct from the loan guarantees to Israel any amount it spends on settlements

yamin Netanyahu and the Pales-

The hearing was Congress's first with an administration official since Netanyahu won office two weeks sgo, and Pelletreau was peppered with questions on

in the territories.

HILLEL KUTTLER

what direction the peace process would now take.

Committee memhers also asked several times whether the administration believed the PNC had changed the PLO covenant, and Pelletreau responded that it

He repeatedly toed the administration's line that the US would reserve judgment on the new government until Netanyahn assumes office and outlines official

On Hehron, which the IDF was to have redeployed from yesterday, Pelletrean noted that deadlines on implementing the Oslo agreements have passed be-

A GAZA Strip milltary court

yesterday charged Hassan

Hawai, a senior member of the

Islamic Jihad, with planning to

carry out attacks against Israeli

targets and with plotting to kill

Israeli and Palestinian'security

Hawaj, 28, was reportedly ar-

rested last march by the General

Security Service when be tried to

return to the Gaza Strip. His ar-

rest was revealed following yes-

terday's reading of the charge

sheet at the military court at the

According to the charge sheet,

Hawaj underwent intensive mili-

tary training in Iran and Lebanon

and even met with Hizhullah

Erez Junction.

fore but that "as long as both parties understand the reasons why they're not met and continue to discuss them and work toward solutions and the direction is positive, then the deadline itself doesn't mean so much."

"I think we need to look at the attitude and direction as much as calendar dates in this regard," be

The US hopes and expects that Israel and the PA will "continue. to work together to implement the agreements that have been reached," and that "there will be a basis found" for resuming Jerusalem-Damascus talks, be said. Regarding Netanyahu's vic-

Senior Islamic Jihad leader charged

ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

His brother, Mohammed.

Hawai, was the leader of the Is-

lamic Jihad's military wing, but

was killed in Gaza in June 1995.

Soon after his brother was killed,

Hawaj flew from Algiers to Syria

and then on to Iran to receive

support for the Islamic Jihad. He

was told to return to the Gaza

Strip to rehshilitate the move-

ment and that he would receive

hundreds of thousands of dollars

Following his studies in Octo-

ber 1995, Hawaj returned to the

Gaza Strip and started organizing

the military wing of Islamic Ji-

According to the eight-page

tory, Pelletreau said the US sees "no bar to us developing" as close a relationship with the new premier as it had with Shimon. Peres and that "everything did not go out the window" in the peace process with Netanyahu's

He said Netanyahu recognizes the "new currents" in the Middle East as an outgrowth of the peace process and that Netanyahu would not want Israel's gains to "dissipate."

"That is why he has reached out to Arab leaders in his initial phone calls. .. I think that we have a basis there to develop a working relationship with the new government ... based on support for a peace process and go-

Lebanon and later in Iran. Ac-

cording to the charge sheet, in

late 1994. Hawaj visited Nasrallah

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explosives factory in Gaza with

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weapons to be smuggled into the

sources told Yediot Aharonot.

the West Bank, the charge she

said.

Palestinians cancel council meeting

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THE 88-member Palestinian Legislative Council canceled a meeting in Nablus yesterday in solidarity with 22 members from Gaza who did not turn up because they refused to be searched

at the Erez checkpoint. The council decided it was an issue of principle, since the legislators were elected to represent both the West Bank and Gaza Strip, and were therefore entitled

to free access to both areas. However a spokesman for the government coordinator said Israel was entitled to check them for security reasons like any other Palestinian leaving Gaza, the ra-

dio reported. Security measures have been stepped up since the spate of suicide hombings which ended March 4, but council members have met in Ramallah and Bethlehem since then and say there were not searched on those

Council memher Ziad Ahn Amr said the security claim was ridiculous as all members were checked by Israel when they ran in the election for the council and were not considered security risks. As council members they should have VIP passes.

Arab diplomats meet in Ramat Gan DAVID MAKOVSKY

ARAB diplomats, representing four of the six countries with legations in Israel, met yesterday for the first time to consult on their peace process positions, and pledged to hold regular sessions in the future.

A 90-minute meeting was held at the Jordanian Embassy in Ramat Gan, attended by the senior diplomats of Jordan, Egypt, Tnsions will be held on a rotating basis among the Arab missions

Representatives of Morocco

mats here in Israel.

and Oman, which like Tunisia and Mauritania hold quasi-diplomatic ties with Israel, could not attend because they were out of the country.

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is to be trusted. Hammer will per-

sonally reign over yet another

empire, for a while - Religious

Affairs. The compromise over

this much-contested ministry is

that the Education minister (slat-

ed to be Hammer) will also serve

for two years as Religious Affairs

minister with a Shas deputy. For

the next two years, a Shas minis-

ter will take over the Religious

Affairs portfolio and have a dep-

last night the agreement with his

party 'is practically finalized.

Not much remains to be dealt

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"The fact that there are six

Rifai became ambassador to Is-

TALKS

No sooner did the crisis with

the NRP appear to have been

resolved, than Yisrael Ba'aliya

announced that it was breaking

YB says it is being discriminat-

ed against and taken for granted.

While the NRP gets two well-

padded portfolios and other

perks, YB, with only two fewer

MKs (the NRP won nine seats,

YB seven), gets a single portfolio

with a puny budget - Industry

. YB last night continued to de-

mand Housing, arguing it is an essential tool to be used to help

redress the grievances of its vot-

ers, which it cannot do with In-

YB was also offered a deputy

minister in the Absorption Minis-

try, which YB leader Natan Shar-

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off negotiations with the Likud.

previous envoy, Marwan Mussher, was elevated to minis-After the meeting, Jordanian ter of information in the new Jor-

Ambassador Omar Rifai said the session demonstrates how "Arab representation in Israel has become significant, and we saw fit to turn this into one grouping just as there are Arah diplomatic groupings in other capitals and al groupin

Arab countries with representatives here in Tel Aviv is quite an achievement. We are part of a small but growing peace lobby among Arah countries," Rifai

danian government. While it is believed the Arabs discussed consultations in advance of next week's Arab sum-

rael at the end of March, after the

mit in Cairo, the Jordanian envoy denied the consultations in Tel Aviv could he seen in that After yesterday's meeting, veteran Egyptian ambassador Mo-

hammed Bassionny indicated that Israelis should not be anxious about the Cairo summit. "If the new government in Israel moves forward on peace, I assure you that it will have all the support among the Arabs," he said.

leader Hassan Nasrallah, who appointed him that organization's ansky has long rejected as the framework least likely to help imliaison in the Gaza Strip. It said he was recruited into Islamic Jimigrants. To be offered a deputy had while attending medical post in a ministry which the party school in Algiers. did not to begin with is seen by

YB as a slap in the face. It is also unclear what any of the Likud ministerial hopefuls will end up with, MK Ze'ev Begin left his meeting with Netanyahu yesterday without saying a word. Likud insiders do not think he was gratified with what he heard, but Begin would not comment.

Herb Keinon adds: Earlier in the day Netanyahu paid separate visits to the Jerusalem homes of former chief rabhis Mordechai Eliahn and Avraham Shapira, who hold a great deal of sway within the NRP. A Likud spokesman said the visit was to thank the rabbis for their support, but unofficially added that it was also an attempt to soften up the NRP's negotiating stance.

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A CONTEMPORARY corollary to the old quote of David Ben-Gurion might be: "What the Arabs do might be based upon what the Jews say."

As the first Arab summit in six

As Jordan's ambassador Omar Rifai put it yesterday, "When the summit convenes, they will look at Netanyahu's statements and the guidelines of the new government since the election and judge accordingly. Therefore, a positive statement in Israel will lead to a positive statement in Cairo." Obviously, the converse is also

charge sheet, Hawaj was never officially a member of the Islamic Jihad. Nevertheless, he under-

went weapons training at a Hiz-

bullah base in the Bekaa valley in

Summit to focus on Netanyahu's words

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in aid.

vears convenes next week, bringing together the whole Arah world except Iraq to discuss, among other items, the election of Binyamin Netanyahu, diplomats and other experts make clear that what Netanyahu says or does until the parley convenes on June 21 will have a serious impact upon the outcome of the Cairo

Until then, the Arabs will be gathering a post-election Netanyahn file to search for clues on his approach to the Middle East peace process.

true. If the guidelines of the new government say that the Golan Heights will forever remain in Israeli hands, this will give Syrian President Hafez Assad "ammunition" in Cairo to press for a hardline positinn, diplomats say

BACKGROUND

It appears that Netanyahu has under Israeli sovereignty." become aware of this, as security officials have said a leaked earlier version of the government guidelines was read by Assad in Damascus and contributed to the sharp tone of the communique released by Syria, Egypt and Sandi Arabia over the weekend.

Arah newspapers called the guidelines which appeared last week as "Netanyahu's three no's:" the Golan, Palestinian statehood, and Jerusalem. Some. Arab columnists say if Netanyahu repeatedly proclaims tough positions, he can do more for Arab unity than any Arah has been able to accomplish in a long time.

The leaked version of the guidelines that appeared in the press last Friday said, "In all peace agreements, the government will insist on Israeli sover-

eignty on the Golan Heights."
Yet in a revised draft of the guidelines issued by the Likud faction this week this sentence did not appear. The guidelines emphasized instead that talks with Syria would continue withont preconditions. Moreover, references to settlements were

Some issues may remain unamhiguous. For example, the 1992

'Post' editor joins Netanyahu staff

JERUSALEM Post president and publisher Yehuda Levy announced yesterday that executive editor David Bar-Illan has been granted a leave of absence, effective June 21, to join prime minister-designate Binyamin Netanyahu's staff as head of policy planning and communications in the Prime Minister's Office.

guidelines issued when the Rabin government was formed also included a reference (section four) to a "united and whole Jerusalem

At the same time, Arabs may expect that Netanyahn not repeat what be said on the campaign trail: that be will not adhere to Oslo's commitment for the issue of Jerusalem to even he discussed. One official said privately that how things are phrased are

"Saying things in a favorable rather than negative way does not mean you have given up anything," he said.

The issue is not only the govemment guidelines, but if a govconnent forms next week the Arabs will be listening very closely to Netanyahn's maiden Knesset

So far, however, Netanyahu is receiving relatively high marks from Arab and Western diplomats demonstrating post-election caution and restraint.

Just as Israelis say they like to hear what Arabs say in Arabic, Arabs now want to hear what

Israelis say in Hebrew. Grateful thanks to Prof. Ya'akov Mitzner.

Prof. Reuben Or. the day-care staff, the hospice and home-care staff, and the social workers of Hadassah hospital and of Kupat Holim Meuhedet for their devoted care and treatment of the late

PETER MUNAYYER.

Deri remains in hospital for observation

SHAS leader MK Arych Deri was expected to remain in the hospital overnight to recover from the slight stroke he suffered

Deri was hospitalized after los-ing the feeling in his left side and experiencing chest pains. An examination revealed he had suffered a minor cerebro-vascular accident due to stress, apparently caused by a radio interview regarding reports he was trying to

manipulate his way out of his trial.
Tests showed Deri suffered no other damage from the stroke, but doctors decided to keep him in the hospital for another day for observation. He was reported in good condition.

Meanwhile, his defense concluded presentation of its "no case" defense in Deri's trial in Jerusalem District Court. The court will now recess to allow

both defense and prosecution representatives to travel to England to hear testimony from Meir Brown, considered a central witness. The court is to reconvene on June 30, when the prosecation will respond to the defense's argument, which says that the prosecution failed to prove the charges it made against

Yesterday, lawyer Gilad Blau, representing Yom Tov Rubin who is also accused in the case, completed the "no case" presentation, saying that claims his elient and others accused in the case bribed Deri to help them get alternate land for housing could not be true, since there would have been no need to do so since Deri himself also had an interest in obtaining an alternate site for the housing project in question.

Rubinstein: Roman menagerie mosaic will be displayed

THE rare 1,600-year-old Roman mosaic floor discovered in Lod will eventually be put on display either in the city where it was found or at the Israel Museum, Education and Culture Minister Amnon Rubinstein said yesterday, during a visit to the site

where it was found, Archeologists uncovered the mosaic depicting a menagerie of wild animals in vibrant colors that appear unfaded by the passage of time.

We carried out a test dig here because the municipality wanted to widen the road," said archaeologist Miriam Avisar. We came across this magnificent mosaic which dates from the late Roman period, approximately from the end of the third century to the beginning of the fourth."

The mosaic, apparently the floor of a large room in a Roman villa, is filled with scenes of

wild animals - lions, tigers,

leopards, elephants, horses and

antelopes - on the prowl or as Blood dripping from a horse attacked by a tiger shone bright vesterday as archeologists used brushes and water to remove centuries of dust. An ancient sailing ship rode the waves along with fish twice its size.

"We have almost never found a mosaic as complete as this one in Israel dating from this peri-

od," Avisar said She said Lod was a rich city during Roman times.

"It was on the crossroads from Gaza to Damascus and from

Jaffa to Jerusalem," Avisar said.



Prime minister-elect Binyamin Netanyahu (right) meets yesterday with the new president of

Olmert considers his options as he awaits his indictment

JERUSALEM Mayor Ehnd-Olmert, facing indictment for his alleged involvement in a 1988 Likud campaign contribution cover-up, has yet to decide whether he will request a hearing with Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair, sources close to the mayor said yesterday.

The mayor is consulting with legal advisors on what course to take, and is confident the allegations against him will be proven unfounded, the sources added.

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If indicted, Olmert could also try to avoid going to trial by fighting to keep his Knesset immunity. But that option, which is opened to all Knesset members facing criminal charges, has not yet been considered by the mayor, the sources said.

Olmert faces indictment in connection with fictitious receipts issued by the Likud in 1988 to businessmen contributing to the

party, showing they spent the money on advertising, as a way to get around fund-raising laws. Olmen served as party treasurer during the 1988 election cam-

paign.

The mayor strongly denies the allegations. The sources noted the case against the mayor is based largely on the testimony of Likud fund-raiser Yona Peled, who himself was convicted on similar allcgations, and whose testimony the court has found false in the past.

Court won't ask ex GSS chiefs to testify in Amirs' trial

FORMER General Security Service chiefs Ya'acov Perry and Karmi Gillon will not be subnoensed to testify in the trial of Yigal Amir, Haggai Amir, and Dror Adani. accused of conspiring to murder prime minister Ynzhak Rabin and to attack Arabs in Judea and

Judges Amnon Strashnov, Shelly Timan, and Ze'ev Hammer ruled the two would not be asked to testify, but decided to agree to a request by Haggai Amir's lawyer, Moshe Meroz, to subpoena Margalit Har-Shefi, Elyakim Haetzni, and

Michael Epstein, who was detained as part of the investigation of the Rabin assassination and was suspected of conspiracy, said yes-terday that, 'Yigal Amir told me that his brother Haggai was working on a silencer.

Epstein said he told investigators that Amir had said it was necessary to set up an organization prior to the IDF's withdrawal from the territories, and Epstein had agreed to join. However, under cross-examination, Epstein admitted Amir did not say anything specific about such an organization, gathering arms, or

attacking Arabs.
Yisrael Shiryon, the Amirs' uncle and the security coordinator for the Shavei Shomron settlement, testi-fied that he had filled out a blank form - signed by the district deputy brigade commander and recommending that weapons be given to whoever presented it - with the name of Haggai Amir, who was living with him at the time.

Shiryon admitted that the deputy brigade commander did not know Amir. Shiryon said he had recommended to Haggai Amir that he change his address to Shavci Shomron so he could more easily obtain a weapons license from the Interior Ministry. (Itim)

Teachers in North to hold warning strike

The Histadrut Teachers Union is to hold a two-hour warning strike on Sunday to protest against what the union called the capricious firing of 40 tenured teachers. The strike will affect the entire educational system from kindergarten through high school, which will begin classes at 10 a.m. The northern school district includes Kiryat Shmona, Tiberias, Nazareth, Beit She'an, Nahariya, Acre, Karmiel, Safed, Afula, and their



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Baryshnikov to perform at Caesarea YOCHI DREAZEN

MIKHAIL Baryshnikov, the world-renowned ballet dancer, will visit Israel for the first time this August, when his White Oak Dance Project performs two shows in Caesarea's amphitheater.

The group is named after the estate of its benefactor, Howard Gillman, whose support has allowed the group to develop its modern approach to

But in a statement released by the tour, Barysbnikov explained that be prefers not to pigeonhole the group's style.
"Classical ballet? Modern ballet? What's the difference?" he said. "To

my mind, there is good and there is bad, and I don't really see any other differences."

Baryshnikov's company - which includes 11 other dancers as well as five musicians - will be visiting the country as part of a tour of Africa, Europe, and Australia.

Baryshnikov, 48, was born in Riga, and studied dance in Leningrad's Vaganova School until age 16, when he joined the Kirov Ballet. In 1974, while touring with the Bolshoi, he defected to Canada.

After a long stint in New York — where he worked with Inminaries

such as the City Ballet's George Balanchine and appeared on Broadway, television, and in movies such as White Nights - Baryshnikov founded the White Oak Dance Project in 1990.

Study: Women didn't count in election campaigns

ESTHER HECHT

NOW they've been counted, and they still don't count. That is the conclusion of two researchers who studied the number of times women and women's issues appeared in campaign broadcasts for the recent elections.

Only 17% (338) of the total of 1,966 people who appeared in the broadcasts were women, according to a study by Dr. Dafna Lemish, of the New School of Media Studies-College of Management, and Dr. Chava Tidhar, of Bar-Ilan University. There was virtually no change from 1988, when a similar study found that 16% of the 2,987 people in the broadcasts were women.

"I'm disappointed by the findings, because the significant advances in women's rights in the past decade are not at all reflected in the broadcasts and in the ways the parties related to women's issues." Lemish said of the study initiated by the Israel Women's Network, a nonpartisan women's lobby.

"I was surprised to see women appearing much more prominently than in the past in campaign material of religious parties - Shas and Ycmin Yisrael. In Shas, women appeared especially in connection with educa-

The parties differed greatly from each other in the representation they gave women in the broadcasts. Hadash led with 60% women, Meretz had 29%, Shas 25%, Labor 17%, and the Likud 9%. In 1988, the Arab. parties (including Hadash) had the highest representation of women (16%).

Only 25 speakers (1.3%) related directly to subjects connected to the status of women, the researchers found. Also, women appeared primarily as anonymons figures, or as actresses, singers, or emcees, as opposed to men, who appeared in leadership roles. Women over 40 were hardly seen at all.

According to Lemish and Tidhar, these findings support the image portrayed in the broadcasts; namely, that in comparison to topics like peace and security, religious issues, and Jerusalem, the status of women is marginal and insignificant, and that Israeli society is run by, and will continue to be run by.

Five men charged with highway robbery

Five Upper Nazareth men were charged yesterday by Haifa District Court with highway robbery, kidnaping and aggravated extortion. They are accused of attacking three youths who were on their way from Kibbutz Nir Etzion to Haifa on election night, May 29. According to the indictment, the accused impersonated policemen and used their car to force the victims' car to stop. They searched the victims, took their car keys, and then drove them to an automatic bank relier, where they forced them at knifepoint to withdraw NIS

The five are Haim Zonenshvili, 21, David Kaknitshivili, 20, Daniel Nir (Nankishvili), 22, Ben-Zion Pinkashvili, 23, and Haim Hanan

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Yeltsin vows violence will not stop Russian poll

TIMOTHY HERITAGE MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Boris Yeltsin vowed yesterday not to let violence disrupt Russia's presidential election after four people were killed in a bomb blast on the Moscow under-

Yeltsin called for calm before Sunday's poll as Communists and nationalists marched through Moscow to mark Russia's independence Day. Some of them carried anti-Yeltsin banners.

More than 2,000 Communists

marched under red Soviet flags to the former headquarters of the KGB security police and national-ist Vladimir Zhirinovsky pushed his campaign to become president in a separate march. Both rallies ended peacefully.
Yeltsin condemned Tuesday's

bomb blast at Tulskaya underground station in southern Moscow, in which two men and two women were killed, as a "savage, barbaric act".
"The best response to the

machinations of the extremists will be a vote on June 16, a vote for civil peace, for stability, for the future of Russia," he said in a

message to the people of Moscow.
Presidential spokesman Sergei
Medvedev quoted Yeltsin as saying: "The Russian election will go ahead as scheduled,"

No one claimed responsibility for the bomb, which went off under a seat in a metro car. Moscow Mayor Yuri Luzhkov

said he could not rule ont the possibility that Chechen separatists had planted it, but offered no evidence to support this. The Chechen diaspora in Moscow called the attack "barbaric" and sent its condolences.

Luzhkov, a Yeltsin ally, said the bomb was intended as a blow

against his own bid for re-election on Sunday. His-running mate, Valery Shantsev, was hurt in a bomb attack last Friday.

Yeltsin, 65, leads most opinion polls for Sunday's election, which will decide the fate of reforms. Communist leader Gennady Zyuganov, 51, says his party's own polls put him ahead of the Kremlin leader.
Neither is likely to win an over-

all majority on Sunday and they are expected to fight a run-off in early or mid-July.

Communists were in no mood to

celebrate vesterday's national holiday marking Russia's declaration of sovereignty within the Soviet Union in 1990. It is also the fifth anniversary of Yeltsin coming to

"We voted for Yeltsin and the country fell, fell, fell. Now we need another change," said 61-year-old Lida lvanova, who joined the Communist Party in 1993. Some of the Communists had

banners supporting the radical communist Working Russia party. A few carried placards saying "Yeltsin is an enemy of the people" - evoking a phrase used dur-ing the purges of late Soviet dictator Josef Stalin.

In the far eastern port of. Magadan, a memorial was unveiled to the millions who died in Stalin's slave labor camps. It was the first monument of its kind in Russia to commemorate them.

"We have to stop a return to the time wheo killing and death was a normal affair," Alexander Yakovlev, a member of Yeltsin's campaign team, ecboing Yeltsin's charges that victory for Zyuganov would mean a return to the past. Zyuganov denies this.



Residents of Russia's Yamal peninsula on the Arctic Ocean cast their ballots earlier this week in their presidential elections. Most of Russia will be voting next week.

New Indian government wins vote of trust

INDIAN Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda won a vote of confidence in parliament yesterday, ending six weeks of political turnult in the

world's most populous democracy.

The government won by voice vote after a 12-hour debate over two days.

"The motion is adopted," P.S. Sangma, speaker of the lower house, told the lawmakers at the end of the oationally-televised session. The prime minister's center-left government

545-member bouse and bad been expected to breeze through the vote, Deve Gowda's United Front alliance has some 190 members and had been promised the support of former prime minister Narasimha Rao's Congress party, which finished a burnil-

had the support of some 332 lawmakers in the

iating second in the general elections in April and May with 140 seats. The opposition Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has 195 members. A shortlived BIP government headed by Atal Bihari Vajpayee resigned on May 28 when it became NEW DELHI

clear it could not muster support to win a confidence vote.

The two-day debate was overshadowed by the BJP's efforts to rake up corruption issues in an effort to embarrass the new government and its ally, Rao's former ruling Congress party. Federal police said yesterday they had regis-tered a case linking Rao to allegations a

regional party received money to help him defeat a no-confidence motion in 1993. The Ceotral Bureau of Investigation (CBI) filed the case after the Supreme Court on Tuesday upheld a lower court order directing the agency to register a fresh probe into the

Analysts said the case added pressure on Rao to step down at a meeting of Congress leaders set for today.

On Tuesday the BJP sought to exploit a fer-

tilizer scandal. Federal police said a suspect in the scandal, which involved kickbacks, had implicated one of Narasimha Rao's sons, P.V. Prabhakar Rao. Prabhakar Rao bas denied the

Deve Gowda detailed the progress of the investigations in the fertilizer scandal and promised to put the facts before the house once the enquiry was over. "After the enquiry, I am going to place the

details before the bouse," the 63-year-old prime minister said. He denied that the Congress party was

putting pressure on the government to hush up the fertilizer scandal. "No Congress leader up till now has dis-cussed the issue. Nobody has interfered in this

matter up till now," Deve Gowda said. The next hurdle for Deve Gowda will be to present a budget for the 1996/97 financial year that began on April 1, balancing the interests of his coalition partners who range from free

Ciller, Turk **Islamists** see possible coalition

ANKARA (Reuter) - Members of Turkish conservative leader Tansu Ciller's True Path Party (DYP) said yesterday the way was open for a government coalition with the powerful Islamist Welfare

Party (RP).

"A DYP-RP coalition looks possible at the moment. On Friday the leaders will come together and it will become clearer after that," a DYP deputy who asked not to be named told Reuters.

Other MPs from the party said a deal with the Islamists was under

discussion. Islamist leader Necmettin Erbakan, whose party has the most members in parliament, has been asked to form a new government after the collapse last week of a three-month-old secularist

The path is open to a possible DYP-RP coalition," another of Ciller's MPs said. "But it is very difficult to say what the details of

(tomorrow's meeting) will be."
Islamist MPs, meanwhile, said the two parties had already begun secret coalition talks.

Political analysts have given Erbakan little chance of forming a government because of fears he would introduce religion into public life and veer officially secular Turkey away from the Western

camp.

Ciller and Erbakan, who has so far been sourned by other secularist parties, are due to hold prelim-

inary coalition talks tomorrow. But former premier Ciller earlier repeated a call for a foor-way secuarist alliance to block the Islamists.

"Come and let's get to an agreemeet to form a government," Anatolian news agency quoted her as saying in remarks aimed at three other mainstream parties.

She made no reference to reports in the Turkish press yesterday that she was close to making a deal with the Islamists.

Several newspapers, including the pro-Ciller Sabah daily, said her party had agreed with Welfare on dividing cabinet seats among themselves.

US may extend troop deployment in Bosnia

JOHN DIAMOND

US troops should remain on the ground in Bosnia with NATO forces next year if occded to preveot an outbreak of war. US Defense Secretary William Perry said yesterday. In his most farreaching comments to date on an extended US mission io Bosnia, Perry raised the possibility of continued use of NATO air power or of a ground-based "rapid-reaction force" that could quash renewed fighting among the ethnic fac-

Perry was uncertain what decision NATO would make, but was unequivocal that the United States should stay the course with its

"NATO will not want simply to give up on the investment that

they've made in Bosnia and if they feel that some further action is necessary to preserve the peace in Bosnia, they may very well determine to maintain a NATO force to do that," Perry told reporters en route to this Balkan

"If they make that decision, it would be my recommendation that the United States participate in that decision, and participate in any force that is so designated, including ground troops," Perry said.
Those comments raised the

specter for President Clinton of a pre-election decision to prolong the US military presence in the war-torn region. As outlined by Perry, the likely options would involve a force far smaller than the roughly 20,000 US troops participatiog in NATO's Peace Implementation Force (IFOR).

But the decision would require an admission by Clinton that NATO's work could not be done in a single year, as advertised last December at the outset of the mission.

It is also possible, according to Perry, that the critical decisions about a continuing military mission in Bosnia could be delayed until after the US presidential

election in November. Perry noted that NATO's major annual meetings of foreign ministers and defense chiefs take place in

Perry's remarks go far beyond past commeots by the defense secretary and top US commanders in Europe about a modest extension of IFOR into January. On that subject, Perry reiterated past statements that some reduced element of IFOR may remain past the December 20 date originally given as the deadline for total pullout of US ground troops along with the rest of IFOR.

Perry is beginning a five-day European trip that will include meeting with NATO allies in

Lott picked as US Senate majority leader

traders to Communists.

VASHINGTON (AP) - Republicans in the US Senage y chost Mississipan Trent Lott as majority leader to succeed the just-reined Bob Dole, oning for a more aggressive and conservative politician to run the Senate during this heated election year. A genial, if brashly ambitious man, Lott was among the last of the Senate Republicans to endorse Dole's presidential candidacy. And as majority whip - the Republican's No. 2 office - be had none-toosubily coveted the majority leadership post long before Dole announced last month that he would quit the Senate to campaign full time.

Senate nides said Republican senators elected Lott, 44-8, over fel-low Mississippian Thad Cochran, a more reserved man who is equal-

In the conservative politically.

In phosoning their first new Republican leader since 1985, the sensitors said they were looking for a pragmatist who could get work done. They said now believed Lott could do the job even though some say be a less commonising than Dole was

'Gas caused Brazilian mall blast'

SAO PAULO (Reuter) - Trapped gas caused an explosion in a crowded shopping mall that killed at least 39 people and injured hundreds of others, officials said yesterday, citing preliminary find-

They said gas trapped under the concrete floor of the mall's food court ignited, possibly as a result of an electrical short circuit, causing Tuesday's blast.

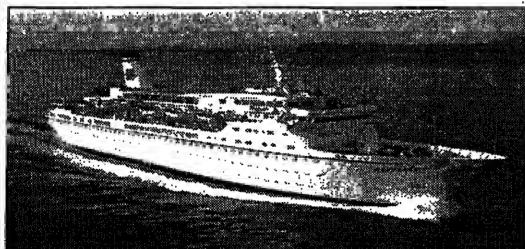
"Preliminary information we have is that there was an accumulation of gas in a concrete box under the floor," said Jorge Cheibob, director of Sao Paulo's buildings department.

Rescue workers continued to dig yesterday for victims in the rubble of the Osasco Shopping Plaza, in a middle-class suburb of

Civil defense officials coordinating rescue efforts said the death toll rose to 39 overnight, with more than 470 people reported hurt in the blast.

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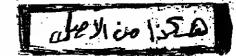
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Unisex makes a comeback

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VERY now and again, the apparel industry, for want of inspiration or simply out of a desire to blur gender differences, puts fresb emphasis on unisex. That doesn't necessarily mean that dresses go out of style or that men start wearing skirts. What it does mean is that basics imbued with flair dominate the fashion scene.

T-shirts, tank tops, bicycle and boxer shorts, tights (a.k.a. long iohns) and jeans which are all more or less gender-free, are all part of the increasing unisex revival which makes it okay for him to wear her clothes and for her to wear his without raising any eyebrows in heterosexual circles. French unisex guru Stephane

Plassier recently opened his first Israeli store at the northern end of Tel Aviv's Dizengoff Street. While concentrating on simple shapes, Plassier nonetheless succeeds in impregnating his creations with French chic, especially when playing with blocks of stripes and monochromes. Many of his specifically female designs, though inspired by underwear, are produced in out-erwear fabrics and not in the bright satins and flimsy seethrough chiffons and organzas which usually characterize underwear as outerwear clothing.

Almost any garment looks sexy on an attractive, well-proportioned woman, hut Plassier prides himself on the fact that he also pays attention to the needs of women who are well over 20, and whose proportions, though shapely, are generous. Sizewise, he runs the gamut from 34 to 48.

Prices start at NIS 60 and go as high as NIS 440, but on average are well under NIS 300.

Among the local unisex brand names is Koo-Koo, which is part of the Rosh Indiani stable and sold only in Rosh Indiani and Topper stores.

Koo-Koo which comprises plain, waffle and ribbed cottonknit, genderless separates, seems to have been designed precisely for those people who don't want to be subject to color trends. The color range offers all the colors of



T-shirts and tank tops are part of the increasing unisex revival.

the rainbow – and then some, in a variety of shades and a total of 42 choices. Prices are amazingly reasonable, even lower in some cases than those charged in the bazaar stores which are proliferating all over the country. The most expensive item under the Koo-Koo

label is NIS 40 and the least expensive NIS 21.

And talking of bazaar stores, they're well worth a second lonk, especially when it comes to unisex-wear. A colleague, who went from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv on an assignment, quickly realized that she was overdressed. Not having a change of clothing with her, she explored the hazaar at Tel Aviv's Central Bus Station and got herself a brand new, pure cotton unisex outfit for the princely outlay of NIS 32! And what's more, she

Insurance company tries to take driver for a ride

F you are a government employee who receives a car Lallowance, your vehicle is probably insured by Sahar though you may have selected its newly arrived competitor Sela as an alternative

If you also happen to be someone to whom time and money are precious, you may have found this particular paycheck "bonus" to be a mixed blessing.

Take the case of Y.I. Carefully driving along a Jerusalem street in January, she signaled and stopped before making a turn. Suddenly, another vehicle slammed into her from behind, causing ber car to lurch into a

road sign.
Luckily, Y.I. was not hurt. turned-accordion happened to be a shiny new Toyota.
Coincidentally, both the "smasher" and the "smasbee" were
insured by Sahar - the latter in Jerusalem via Iritz, Dushinsky & Goel, and the former in Haifa.

Since the driver of the second vehicle had no documents on hand (itself an offense), she pro-vided Y.I. with the next best thing: a signed note, including ID and phone numbers, in which she admitted fault for the accident. The two shaken drivers then part-

A full week went by before Y.I. received her "aggressor's" insurance policy number. Y.I. deposited her damaged car at a nearby garage. The bill came to NIS 4,271, of which NIS 795 was the "deductible" Y.L. had to pay in order to release the car from the garage. She then paid NIS 293 to a licensed assessor - recommended by her insurance agency - for an estimate of the car's decline in resale value. Assessor Rafi Daniel determined the decline to be NIS

In simple terms, Y.I. sbould have been reimbursed a total of NIS 4,706 by her insurance company. By law, this reimhursement should have taken place 30 days after her claim was filed (and relevant documents delivered), Instead, Y.L received a check for NIS 3,982 - four months and

RUTHIE BLUM

dozens of phone calls later. Not only was the final sum more than NIS 700 lower than what she should have been paid originally, hut no linkage and interest were added, in spite of the fact that The Insurance Contract Act (1981) requires a 4% annual addition to claims paid after the 30-day peri-

partner

Dusbinsky attributes the lengthy delay in payment to his client's unwillingness to accept Sahar's original offer. Not keen on the assessor's report. Sahar bad the car examined by another assessor, who conveniently valued the vehicle's resale decline much lower. "Standard procedure in these cases" is how Dushinsky described the peculiar discrepan-cy between the first and second assessments. "In almost every case, arguments over the amount of damage 10 a car ensue. Had Y.I. taken what was offered her, she would have been reimbursed months ago." he said. What about interest and link-

age?" I wanted to know. "The sum we ended up giving ber -more than our original offer -was higher than interest and link-age," he retorted. "After all, we want to make gestures of goodwill towards our clients," he said shamelessly. Funny how goodwill has a way of getting lost in translation. "Furthermore," added Dushinsky, "Y.l. is not at liberty to sue us, as sbe signed a waiver upon termination of her claim.

Not to worry, Y.I. Statements uttered even with total confidence are not necessarily true. Since your letter of complaint indicated ignorance on your part about Sahar's legal ohligations, the insurance company here was not acting in good faith. As such, you are at liberty to sue, not only for interest, but for "penalty" interest as well, at least regarding the sums not in controversy.

Y.I., fed up with being given a runaround, has decided to insure her second family car with Sela. What she - and others out there like her - did not know is that she is under no ohligation 10 insure her cars with either of these two companies, even as a government employee with a car

Treasury insurance supervisor Michael Kahana assured me that all such employees may insure their cars wherever they please. The only possible caveat is that they may have to add extra money to do so. "The government has long used Sahar 10 insure the cars of its employees simply because that company offered the cheapest deal. Now Sela has offered an equally good arrangement. There never has been a monopoly in this field, nor is there one in effect now," he said.

This was reiterated by the Accountant General's Office. Haim Fondaminsky, in charge of insurance at this department of the Treasury, provided me with a doc-ument (dated December 6, 1995) circulated to all government agency accountants, stating: that every employee bas the right to insure his private automobile by any insurance company he wishes.

Keep in mind that auto insurance from Sahar or Sela - due to group rates - probably comes out cbeaper per head. But beware that a company which handles huge masses of people needs a huge staff. As such, service may be impersonal, and severely lacking. Going through these channels is a hit like using Direct Insurance: You're on your own when you need a break. At least Y.1. and her colleagues can take comfort in knowing they have a

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Drink green tea and prolong life, say Japanese

PROMISING a taste that will linger for a lifetime, Isakil Watanabe fills a small pot with the best new tea of spring. Then he serves the tea by telling his guests not to drink

"Lick it," he commands. Roll it down the tongue to savor the subtle, even melancholy, hlend of sweetness and faint hire, the gentle grassy scent. Then ponder the aesthetic he hails as the "essence of green."

"If you gulp it down," he declares, "you cannot experience green tea."

Watanabe, president of Kisakuen, a leading producer in Japan's green tea kingdom of Shizuoka south of Tokyo, has reason to be rhapsodic these days. A new study hy US and Chinese researchers shows that drinking green tea reduces the risk of developing stomach cancer by as much as half.

The study of Shanghai residents by the National Cancer Institute and Shanghai Cancer Institute, now under review for publication, follows their 1994 joint study that found green tea consumption cut the risk of developing esophageal cancer by np to 60 percent. The reduced risk was determined after adjusting for diet, smoking habits, alcohol consumption and other factors.

In Japan, the brew's perceived benefits have long been praised if not clearly proven ever since it was introduced from China in the 9th century. Eisai, the founder of Japanese Zen Buddhism, extolled it as the "elixir that creates the mountain-dwelling immortal" in his 1211 10me, Drink Tea and Prolong Life. And numerous studies in Japan have indicated protective cancer by damaging healthy DNA, effects against everything from cancer to tooth McLaughlin said.

ment - and visions of new market opportunities - among Watanabe and other growers here. Shizuoka, an idyllic area of clear water and emerald hills, produces half of Japan's annual tea harvest of 86,000 tons.

Yet few people outside Japan and China drink it regularly; black tea accounts for 80 percent of world tea consumption although there is no evidence it has the same health benefits. Growers here hope the favorable research will take green tea global.

Since the 1994 Shanghai study, at least three other studies have been conducted on green tea, and they consistently indicate a protective effect, said Joseph McLaughlin, the lead NCI researcher on the two cancer studies who now heads the private International Epidemiology Institute in Rockville, Mayland.

In Shiznoka, research accelerated after a 1985 study found that residents of the town of Nakakawane drank more than seven times the amount of tea and suffered stomach cancer rates only 20 percent of the average Japanese. They averaged about 10 cups a day, said the study's author, food scientist Itaro Oguni.

No one yet knows wby green tea could protect health. But most research is focused on tea compounds known as polyphenols, which are believed to combal free radicals, a potentially destructive form of oxygen thought to cause

However, he said the recent failure of beta In the last five years, international research carotene - once viewed as a magic bullet - to on green tea has proliferated, stirring excite- protect against lung cancer should caution researchers trying to determine which compound out of hundreds may be the protective factor in green tea. He said many more studies are necessary, including a random clinical trial that could take a minimum of five years and cost a few million dollars.

Still, McLaughlin said, the field holds promise.

"Green tea is getting into the category of fruits and vegetables," he said. "Clearly, a high consumption of fruits and vegetables protects individuals against cancer, and green tea could also be an item that could protect people from certain cancers."

Watanabe, well aware that Americans are not likely to give up their coffee breaks for green tea - visitors have told him it tastes like grass - has developed a fine powdered extract to put in food or in capsules. "If Americans eat this, they'll extend their lives," Watanabe says.

Even if you buy the right tea, properly making it is an entirely different challenge. To pour boiling water directly on the tender leaves constitutes unspeakable barbarism; it must be cooled, preferably by pouring it from kettle to container to teapot to cup. The amount of tea and water used, temperature and brewing time are all delicately calibrated and vary depending on the tea variety and quality.

(Los Angeles Times)

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pard, NIS 30; Torah Tikun, NIS 30.

Sparks fly as Jew sues Marks and Spencer over alleged bias

THE British clothing and supermarket giant Marks & Spencer, which is one of the world's largest supporters of Jewish and Israeli charities, was last week sued by a Jewish woman who claimed it was antisemitic.

But Rosemary Hoffman, 51. Wembley, northwest London, loss ber court battle against the Jewish-owned chain. An industrial tribunal in England ruled in favor of M&S's right to refuse Hoffman a £29,000-a-year job as a food technologist, when they learned she

would refuse to eat pork and shellfish. M&S said it was a job requirement that their food tasters could eat all foods.

Hoffman told the tribunal she bad many years' experience as a food technologist but had never been asked to taste food before. She said her job involved ensur-

ing the health, hygiene and safety of products, and in any case she would be able to taste 97 percent of the store's products if asked.

Evidence in support of Hoffman was given by Ruth Bishop, another applicant for the job. The 41year-old microbiologist said "My female interviewer implied that 1 was the wrong religion when 1 told her I was Jewisb.

"I did not even get to mention that I was a vegetarian," she

Dr. Thomas Clayton, of the M&S prepared-foods department, said a willingness to taste all foods was "an essential part of the

M&S head of recruitment Micbelle Mendelsson said the applicants were not turned down because they are Jewish: "I

myself am Jewish and would certainly not have suggested that the company would not employ Jews.

The case has caused quite a stir in Britain. Writing in the London Times, one leading Jewish commentator said Hoffman's case was "nonsense" and the decision by Britain's Commission for Racial Equality to pay for her legal fees "went beyond stupidi-

Marks & Spencer, founded by Russian-Jewish refugee Michael Marks over 100 years ago, is now Britain's biggest retailer and has stores in 23 countries. There are six M&S franchise stores in Israel, although these stock only clothing and do not sell food products.

Hoffman now works as a food safety officer at Waltham Forest council, a local government office in London.

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A cause for celebration

HERE is something refreshing about the way Turkey has treated its military agreements with Israel. Although it is a Moslem state on excellent terms with most of the Moslem regimes, Turkey is quite open about its close cooperation and joint training projects with Israel. It has not only rejected protests from Iran, Egypt, Syria, and Saudi Arabia, hut has actually advertised details of the agreement about which Israel has heen discreet.

In recent days Turkey has told the world that 12 Turkish warplanes have participated in training exercises with the Israel Air Force. Turkey intends to acquire radar networks and early warning systems from Israel, and to have 55 Phantom fighter planes renovated by Israel Aircraft Industries. Even the Turkish infantry's rifles may be replaced by Israeli Galils.

It is not difficult to guess why Turkey is attaching such importance to its relations with Israel. Its military establishment, the country's most dominant force, is far too sober to be seduced by siren songs of a New Middle East. It knows that the Syrian regime, rapidly building a vast arsenal of non-conventional weapons and sophisticated delivery systems, has no intention of being a friendly neighbor.

Turkey has also learned from bitter experience that Syrian dictator Hafez Assad'a reputation as a man of his word is a myth propagated hy Western governments wishing to do business with him. As Turkish officials have made a point of telling Israelis, Assad has violated every one of the 16 agreements he has made with Ankara. These have to do in particular with Syrian commitments not to support the terrorist activities of the Kurdish PKK, a Marxist group which trains, organizes, and launches attacks on Turkey from Syrian soil with full Syrian approval. Nor is Turkey unaware of the fact that parts of southern Turkey are still shown in

Syrian maps as Syrian territory.

But not only realpolitik considerations animate the Turkish approach. With unimpeachable logic, Turkey assumes that democracies belong on the same side of the fence. If there is indeed anything new in today's world, it is not the perverse notion that tyrants can be persuaded to join free societies in establishing a new order, but that dictatorial regimes have proved abysmal failures while the democratic system has triumphed.

Turkey, the only Moslem democracy, has

socio-economic goals are closer to those of the democratic world than to the frozen hackwardness of its Islamic neighbors. This is also the way Turkey represents itself in its competition with Iran for influence in the Moslem republics in central Asia. The choice is clear: auffocating dictatorships and economic stagnation in the style of Iran and Syria, or the economic progress of free enterprise and the freedoms of democratic societies.

For Turkey to follow this thinking to its logical conclusion takes courage. Not only its Moslem neighbors but a powerful minority of Islamists in its own body politic are fiercely opposed to Ankara'a tilt to the West, particularly the agreements with Israel.

Unfortunately, the majority parties are too enmeshed in personal rivalries and petty differences to form a solid front against the Islamists. In this, President Suleyman Demirel, who recently escaped an attempt on his life by an Islamist fanatic, is an indispensable force for progress. In his outspoken opposition to the injection of a religious agenda into security decisions, he represents precisely what the founder of modern Turkey, Kemal Ataturk, must have had in mind.

If there is a greater disappointment than the inability of the Turkish parliamentary majority to unite, it is Washington's thunderous silence about the Turkish-Israeli ties. US administrations have traditionally cheered the progress made by democratic forces and welcomed alliances between democracies, particularly those close to Washington.

Yet what should have been rewarded with both political encouragement and greater economic access has been treated as an insignificant development, if not an outright nuisance. In this, the White House may have been influenced by the Labor government's obsession with avoiding anything that might irritate Assad and cause him to withdraw from the "peace process" - which may be the reason the Turkish government is not unhappy about Binyamin

Netanyahu's election victory.

It is time the US returns to one of the most fundamental principles of its foreign policy: support democratic societies and combat, not appease, dictatorships. The Turkish-Israeli friendship, so poignantly underlined by President Ezer Weizman's visit to Turkey this week. should be a cause for American celebration, and concluded that its political philosophy and a major American effort to help make it work.

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The dogs of war

HEN Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah joined Egyptian President
Hosni Mubarak recently for a mini-conference of Arab leaders in Damascus, he had far more on his mind than just brandishing the big stick at Bibi Netanyahu and threatening terrible deeds against Israel if Yasser Arafat doesn't get his own state with Jerusalem as the capital.

Abdullah was disturbed by the publicity the German magazine Stern bad given to the construction of one of the world's largest chemical warfare plants at Aleppo in Syria.

Abdullah is only too aware - as is Israel - that President Assad has a stack of some 1,000 short-. middle- and long-range ground-to-ground missiles. These modern weapons, equipped with deadly chemical and biological warheads, can hit targets everywhere in Israel.

It is the same Abdullah and Saudi King Fahd whose donation of hundreds of millions of dollars. enabled the Syrians to build the Aleppo plant, as well as the vast underground tunnels that theoret ically at least, ensure its safety.

With a Likud government back in power in Jerusalem, Abdullah is remembering how another right-wing leader, Menachem Begin, destroyed Baghdad's soreactor when faced by the threat of a potential Iraqi nuclear

Is history about to repeat itself? Like Israel, Abdullah knows that the Aleppo plant is all geared up for production.

If Israel decided to launch an attack on the plant on the pattern of its successful Osirak assault in 1982, Abdullah might lose his hitter struggle against Saudi Deputy Premier Prince Bandar Sultan to become the next king in Riyadh. For, like Fahd, Abdullah is a strong advocate of shoring up Assad's rule.

The price of Riyadh's bounty to Syria was Assad's restraint on Iran dispatching terrorists to cause maybem in Saudi Arabia. Popular resentment at the corruption of the country's 20,000

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royal princes could, encouraged by acts of terror, quickly turn into rioting; and the recent spate of Iranian bomh attacks on the oilrich Gulf states serves clear notice that the terrorist virus could spread to Saudi Arabia. A bomb explosion in Riyadh last year sent shock waves shuddering through the royal palace.

Why did Abdullah go to Damascus at all? Saudi Arabia is the richest of all the oil states, and it is other Arab states that should

have gone bowing and scraping.

The mini-meet had in fact been scheduled for Riyadh, but it was cancelled because Fahd was too. ill to attend, and his absence would have sparked rumors that his reign is nearing its end. This

While the Labor government was busy billing Assad as ready for peace, it kept quiet about his poison factory

could have ignited violence in the battle for power between Abdullah, the Saudi premier, and his son Bandar bin Sultan, Sandi amhassador to the US, and maybe other ambitious princes:

There was an even more potent reason for Abdullah to lower his dignity and appear in downmarket Damascus: his wife. The crown prince faced heavy pressure at home to lend Assad his support. Abdullah's lady is sister to the wife of Rifat, Assad's brother and the man expected to take over from the ailing dictator.

The ladies don't want the present Syrian clique kept in power just for family reasons. Abdullah has vast fortunes invested in joint international husiness enterprises with Rifat, who has a voracious appetite for piling up gold in his

If Abdullah gets shoved aside by hin Sultan or others, the women's status at the palace will suffer drastic downgrading. They clearly feel they need the billions stashed away with Rifat to ensure that they and their children don't go hungry.

The wily sisters also know that the US is wary about Abdullah becoming king. His initial hostility to allowing the US to protect Saudi Arabia after Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait in 1990 has not been forgotten in the US.

Abdullah is deeply religious, and he is anti-West. Washington would much prefer the pro-American ambassador to the US, Bandar bin Sultan, who looks askance at the Syrian approach favored by Abdullah. He is highly suspicious of Assad's role in exporting Iranian terrorism via Damascus, terrorism the treacherous Assad could direct at Saudi Arabia if it suited him.

WHAT IS alarming about the sudden publicity surrounding atter.
Aleppo poison plant and its major threat to Israel is the way its existence was kept under wraps by the the Labor government of Rabin and Peres. The Syrian effort to build a vast chemical plant was known 11 years ago, when Jonathan Pollard sent Israel details about the massive undertaking.

It was the CIA in 1991 that compelled a shipload of chemicals destined for Syria to be turned back to a German port with its cargo. A year later, after a Mossad tip-off, the Italians forced a ship from India carrying more chemicals for Syria to return its cargo promptly to the port of

departure.
The government knew of the latent real-time danger posed by the Syrian chemical plant - a danger far more potent than the Iranian-sponsored terror that Labor ministers have been harping on for years - yet they didn't utter a word of warning about the monstrous construction proceeding apace in Aleppo.

One tremhles to draw the obvious conclusion: that the illusion of a Syria "ready for peace" had to be kept alive at all costs for Peres and Rabin to soft-soap the public into believing Assad could be a trusted peace partner once he had been fed the opiate of the Golan Heights.

The right's electoral victory has fragmented the fantasy that the Arabs are now ready to make peace with Israel. The barrage of threats of belligerence if Israel does not withdraw to the 1967 lines and give Arafat his Palestinian state with his throne in Jerusalem is not a sudden plan concocted by Mnbarak, Assad and Abdullah.

Intelligence sources report that the Arab leaders were ready to unveil it in about two years' from now had Peres won and conceded the above PLO demands. The plan was to be fired off in a bbtz campaign if Peres refused to make further territorial concessions.

The panic reaction by Arab leaders, who are holding yet another summit conference this month, was triggered by the unexpected defeat of the "soft-touch"
Labor government. And the hitherto thinly veiled threats to
unleash the dogs of war are being aired to put pressure on Netanyahu even before he can take over the reins of power. The aim is to get US pressure exerted on Israel. A severe testing period lies ahead for both the new prime

minister and the state.

The writers are authors of The Mossad: Secrets of the Israeli Secret Service and other books on

the Middle East.

Seeing is believing

DAVID NEWMAN

ERE we go again. They're wheeling out the heavy artillery.

Journalists and publicists, notably media darling Yosef (Tommy) Lapid, are lambasting the "round-spectacle" brigade, the "Sheinkin crowd," for their lack of values and immanure arroacted their lack of values and immanure arroacted. gance, their refusal to accept the verdict of the country in the mag-nificent display of democracy evidenced in the elections.

Outside Beit Sokolov (the journalists' headquarters) in Tel Aviv recently, I passed a three-woman demonstration protesting what they viewed as the left-wing bias of the media. Their posters showed Shimon Peres speaking and a gagged Binyamin Netanyahu. I couldn't resist commenting that perhaps this whole attack on the media was simply. part of the right's imagination.

This evoked a diarribe from the women, ending with that most withering comment "Well, we can see whom you support hy the shape of your glasses."

Yes, I admit it - I wear round glasses. I also voted for Peres. and strongly support the peace process. To make it worse, I am an academic, a social scientist, one of those creatures known for their left-wing, post-Zionist, Arab-loving tendencies.

But before you file me away under the stereotype, I should add that I attend synagogue, eat kosher, send my children to State-Religious schools and to the Bnei Akiva youth movement, in which I myself grew np. And I made aliya from the free West

and don't intend to pack my bags. True, I don't wear a kippa the whole time any more, but that's largely because the kippo has become a political statement. It defines the group you belong to, and the corresponding political, social, religious and moral val-

It is part of the stereotyping in our society, where it is virtually impossible to be an individual. You have to belong to a group and once you belong, you are expected to think, act, and speak

like the rest of the group,
And, of course, if you're not
part of the "in" group, the alternative is to be part of the "out" group, those who don't belong and don't have any meaningful values.

I MUST be schizophrenic. During the week I mix with the left-wing, academic, bohemian, "round-spectacle brigade," many of whom do indeed pour unnecessary scom on religion and the religious.

Uh-oh... those round spectacles give one away every time. Or do they?

I then go home and see some of my neighbors and fellow worshipers - the knitted kippa, yeshiva high school, ardent nationalist brigade - who, in turn, pour equally unnecessary scorn on the secular world.

Live together in national unity? What a joke. The extent to which each side stereotypes the "other" makes it just another Israeli miracle that the whole thing didn't blow up long ago.

The sanctimonious way each

side is convinced that the other's values have no meaning; the way their respective leaders portray the other side as a threat... much of it comes from ignorance. And the truth is that religious

and secular meet each other less and less. Each has its own schools, army units, universities. Residential neighborhoods are increasingly segregated. Neither side seems prepared to make the minimal concessions

necessary to really understand the other. Each perceives political power as a means of advancing its own interests, at the expense of the other's.

And, meanwhile, they continue

to talk about a "status quo" which has been constantly changing since the day it came into existence.

My unholy shatnez of round spectacles and kippa is viewed suspiciously by both sides.

Surely I am too traditional to be invited to Friday-night social gatherings, yet too secular to be part of religious festivities? Too understanding of the ideological motivation that drives the Greater Israel activists – hut equally too leftist and (horror) actively supportive of a Palestinian state? What really seems to throw them are those round spectacles, which just don't "belong." So nobody knows what box to put me in? Too bad. I'll just go on

wearing those glasses. The writer directs

Humphrey Institute for Social Research at Ben-Gurion

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR I

CREDIT FOR HISTORIC CHANGE

Sir, - Ever since the results of the elections to the 14th Knesset were announced, the media have devoted considerable space to the question of who was responsible for the historic and revolutionary political upheaval that brought about the third defeat of the Labor Party headed by Shimon Peres and the victory of Bihi Netanyahu.

Yet the person who should be given credit for this upheaval is almost completely ignored. I refer to Brigadier-General Avigdor Kahalani, the devoted member of Rabin's and Peres's Labor party who left it in February to set up the new center party, The Third Way. After a mere three months and with practically no financial backing other than the legal limited contributions of its members, the party managed to receive

four mandates in the new Knesset. These four seats, together with the seven of Yisrael Ba'aliya, will prevent a majority coalition, even with the religious bloc. This is a significant political and historic

achievement in Zionist history. It is my belief that Avigdor Kahalani will go down in history as the second Ben-Gurion of the Zionist movement. He will be instrumental not only in saving the peace process, but will bring about the restoration of the Israel Labor movement to its liberal and all-embracing central political position.

YEHUDA LEWIS

ANTI-ISRAEL BIAS Sir, - One of the things which truly made me sick about foreign media was its anti-Israel and anti-Jewish bias. I could never get a straight story out of the papers abroad about what was happening

I expected a different situation here. But I am shocked to find that the local media, including the Post, recorded the events of Shavuot morning, but left out a small detail. I have lost every drop of respect far the Post for not mentioning the stones thrown npon the Jews

My request to The Jerusalem Post, either report things as they are, or go abroad and juin the rest of the anti-Jewish media. DANIEL BERNSTEIN

THE GREAT CALCULATOR

Sir. - David Makovsky writes, correctly, that "hy being hard-nosed in the peace negotiations with Labor over the last four years, Assad ... contributed heavily to Prime Minister Peres's defeat" (June 4). So Makovsky calls Assad "the Great Miscalculator," but wrongly. Assad really wanted to defeat Peres's policy because he saw it as a threat to

the very existence of his regime.

Peres offered Assad the Golan in exchange for complete normalization of relations between the two countries. Suppose Assad had accepted. Then the international pressure would have begun on him to give Lebanon back to the Lebanese. Also normalization would have meant thousands of Israeli tourists descending on Damascus, including Israeli Arabs boasting of how they overthrew the pre-Peres government. A fine example for citizens in

Assad's police state! Together with his offer, Peres constantly proclaimed that, in the New Middle East, all the countries would turn into Western-style capitalist democracies. As Assad heard it, Peres was aiming to sweep away all the existing Arab regimes, not just his own. It was a universal proclamation of war against all the pre-

sent Arah rulers. So Assad opposed, blocked and sabotaged the Peres policy in every possible way. Since Makovsky credits Assad with succeeding, he should rather call him "the Great

In confirmation, the Syrian Grand Mufti made an important public dec-laration the day before Makovsky wrote. Nobody does that in Syria and survives unless his words have Assad's approval. Said the Mufti: 'Peace with Israel is desirable, but normalization is impossible because the education of the Moslems today is weak whereas the education of the

The mufti's message boils down to seeking peaceful relations with-out seeking full relations between the two states, thus avoiding dangerous concessions. This is exactly what Netanyahn now offers Assad. Sn Assad was "the Great Calculator" indeed!

MALCOLM LOWE

Jews is strong."

JERUSALEM, CAPITAL OF ISRAEL

Sir, - How very strange and contradictory we British are! In 1917, the then foreign secre-

tary, Lord Balfour, issued the declaration... "His Majesty's Government view with favnr the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people and will use their best endeavors to facilitate the achievement of this object." It was not stated that the national homeland would not include its historic capital.

Psalm 147 states "The Lord huilds up Jerusalem. He gathers the exiles of Israel." From the time the Psalms were written during the time of King David, the Jewish monarch, Jerusalem has been the capital of the land that the Almighty promised to the Jewish people as inheritance

Contrary to the statement, by our present Foreign Secretary, Malcolm Rifkind, that "Israel is in military occupation of East Jerusalem and only has *de-facto* authority over West Jerusalem" ... it is the Gentile nations who have been in military occupation of Jerusalem throughout the last 2,000 years. These same nations are now in uproar because the words of the psalm are literally

being fulfilled before their eyes.

If Mr. Rifkind is confused, perhaps he should read the good book along with other members of our parliament. If parliament doesn't like what it says, their quarrel is not with the people or government of Israel, but with the God of Israel! BARBARA WATT

NEW KNESSET OPPOSITION

Sir, - One might attribute MK Ran Cohen's vilification of the religiously abservant, the "settlers," the Likud and all others who did not vote for Meretz as the "sour grapes" of a highly deserving loser (May 31). However, even when he was a

winner, he denigrated; inter alia, the settlers as "not real Israelis." Thank God Mr. Cohen will now have four years, ken yirbu (may they multiply), to reflect on and correct his prejudices from the perspective

of the Knesset opposition benches.

MOSHE BERLIN



The penchant we have these days for pasting an advertisement on every available space is getting out of hand: this fellow manages to get his message across even at the Western Wall, proving that absolutely nothing is sacred. The script reads: 'There is no peace without holy Shabbat. Shabat Shalom to you, Israel, (signed) The Western Wall Man'



From LA to TA: A new perspective for teens

American teenagers here on a program called Operation Unity say their five-week visit has opened their minds, reports Jessica Steinberg

HEY sit around the communal room at their dorm on the kibbutz, 10 teenagers, all from the Los Angeles area. They look like Israeli teenagers, with slight stylistic differences. Merlin Clophia's low-slung cut-off shorts; Nyesha Favorite's six-foot-long frame and head covered with shoulderbraids; Giovanni Valencia's pencil-thin mustache.

There are some other variations, but what amazes these African-American and Latino high-schnol seniors most is how their color is defined here io Israel.

"It's like they can smell Americans coming from a mile away," Valencia says, grinning. "They kept on saying 'Chicago, hicago, laughs Enrique

Carmona, a stocky 18-year-old. Tracee Anderson, a sweet-faced 18-year-old, sums it op: They make me feel more American here," she says. "We're oot looked at like blacks or Hispanics, we're just these Americans."

From their lips to Cookie Lommel's ears. Lommel is the African-American journalist from Los Angeles who founded Operation Unity, the program that seot these 10 students from Los Angeles to spend about five weeks at Kibbutz Beit Zera in northern Israel, The goal is to create lines of communication between the African-American and Jewish communities and to develop the teenagers' leadership abilioes, as well as their multiculnural awareness

Lommel said she feels that a kibbutz is the best environment for such an endeavor, with its emphasis on cooperation and its strong work ethic.

"The ultimate goal here is to understand the importance of people working together," Lommel said while in-Israel in May to visit-her recruits. "How people who wanted something had to work together to create it, how they worked together from the ground

As a freelance writer for music trade publications, Lommel had been a front-row observer of black artists and Jewish music executives working together and couldn't understand why this wasn't occurring in the outside world. After a 1991 trip here to witness the integration of Ethiopian Jews into Israeli society, she came op with the idea of immersing African-American teenagers into Israeli-Jewish society.

It took three years for Lommel to raise the money for the first Operation Unity in the summer of 1994. Finally, with the assistance of various conneil members and commonity leaders, the funds were raised and the first 10 teenagers were sent off with Sandy Wolfson - the high-school guidance counselor who assisted in the rigorous recruitment and selection process and is still involved with the program.

The premise was that we wanted kids who were not completely living up to their full potential. Lommel says. Teachers from one of the participating schools would call me up and tell me that they had a kid who would really benefit from the program."

She talks about the students from the previous trip, such as Jesse, whose probation officer believes that without this opportunity, the 18-year-old would have been dead by the end of the summer due to gang involvement. By



Participants in the Opertaion Unity program rave about the freedom of kibbutz life and its lack of formalities.

the following winter, after the program, Jesse was speaking in front of the Optimists' Club, a business association that was working to raise college funds for

Sean, another past participant, made the rounds at churches, synagogues and schools, and after an appearance at Hebrew Union College, the rabbi who had introduced him asked if he could hire him for their faculty. They're that inspired after the program," Lommel says. "They see that you can make changes over the course of time, that anything really is possible."

TALKING TO the teenagers themselves, it's easy to see that five weeks of kibbutz life has altered their perspectives. They speak excitedly about learning

meeting Hehrew. Israeli teenagers, and touring the country. Their main complaint seems to revolve around food, especially the kibbutz kitchen fare, although they've solved that with biweekly pizza outings in Tiberias.

They're amazed by the freedom of kibbutz life, the unlocked doors and cars, the bicycles that sit outside the public buildings, for ose by kibbutz members.

"Someone's shoes were sitting outside their door for a whole week and no one touched them," Valencia says in amazement. You see 80-year-olds on bicycles and no one thinks that's weird." Alice Talamantes, a 19-year-old with short bleached hair and a row of earrings marching up her left

ear, is fascinated by the lack of "One old lady," she says, "she

just came up to me and put her hand on my cheek and asked me to get her a cup of coffee. Just like

"They always want to play with my braids," says Favorite, who works with five-year-olds in one of the kibbutz kindergartens. They rub my skin to see if the color will come off, and they always ask me where I really come from."

The teenagers also are fascinated by the land itself, its history, its

"There's ruins all over the place here," Talamantes comments. We went to Beit Guvrin and there's no question that it feels older than LA. There's also this spiritual thing here. Like at the Wall, you felt that you were close to God. I put a note in the Wall. I hope He hears me."

Their experiences, both in and out of the kibbutz, have also fused them into a cohesive group. Talamantes says that before this trip she had no African-American friends, but that this program has expanded her perspective.

"I'm more open-minded now," she says. "We'll bicker, me and Robert, but it's just teasing. He's cool and I wouldn't have known that before the trip."

"It's been the ongoing group experiences," Anderson says. 'We're away from home and that gives us a different perspective. I thought Merlin was real quiet at the first workshop and then we started talking and I think we'll keep in touch now."

Carmona, who has been fairly quiet for the session, pipes in with his two cents.

"Everyone hangs out with their own group because it's easier one on one if you've never talked to that person before," he explains. "But it doesn't mean that you

won't hang with the others."
"Basically," Talamantes says,
"we've all had the curiosity to expand our minds, and it wouldn't have mattered if we were Latinos or blacks or Chinese or Japanese. All I know is that I don't want to leave. Let's just get lost and find jobs in Tel Aviv.

Accept that the problem is from within



past 10 years I have been hoving an affair with a married man. It. started when I was still married, but I

have since divorced. My lover has no invention of leaving his. wife, and I accept this. I have begun looking around to meet other men, all the while continuing my affair. The problem is that nobody compares to my lover, so I have trouble starting o new

Affairs of the Heart Disheartened Somewhere in Israel

Dear Heart-Disheartened, Starting a oew leaf is an interoal process put into effect by external measures - not the other way around. Having good through a divorce, you of all people should realize this.

Though you may believe you accept your lover's choice, your behavior indicates otherwise. Continuing the affair while "looking" elsewhere can mean one of two things, or a combination of both: either you are not genoinely seeking another partner or you need your lover as an iovisible shield against other

When you were married, your busband provided this shield - in the background of your affair. Now that you are divorced, you may be transferring your husband's role on to your lover. Sortiog all this out won't neces. sarily help you find "Mr. Right," but it will open you up to the RUTHIE BLUM

possibility of meeting him, or to the possibly unpleasant realization that you may oot really want a sole soulmate in your life.

Dear Ruthie,

I read a book about how to add romance and enhance sexual excitement in o marriage. After following all the suggested steps, all I got was teased by my hus-

Worse than thot, he got annoyed when I lit candles around the bedroom, and wax dripped onto his shoe. His idea of romance is o quickle before setting the alarm clock. You always say that changes in one's behavior can cause changes in the behavior of others. This is proof that you're wrong.

Quickie Alarmed Tel Aviv

Dear Quickie Alarmed. I still believe that changes in one's behavior can affect that of others. Perhaps your following of steps in a "how-to" manual is actually a behavioral pattern completely in keeping with your usual tendencies.

If so, your husband's response to the "romantic" trappings is probably very familiar. To change, one must act out of char-

In your case, this may cotail having to turn the pre-alarm-setting quickie into a prolonged sexual adventure.

By igniting the right wick, all the others will become superfluous. Not to mention less damaging to your husband's precious

busy bill . Assassion

A friend of mine was fired over o year ago. Since then, I have been active in trying to find him another job through various connections.

Eoch time I provide him with a new contact, however, he fails to follow through (doesn't show up at interviews, demands too much

money, etc.).

Each time I tell myself that it is
the last time and that I will not involve myself in his career decisions. But then he returns to complain about being out of work, and pity gets the better of me. How can I get him to stop seeking my help, when it's clear he doesn't want it?

Friend in o Fury Ramatavim Dear F in F.

The best course of action would be to teach yourself not to fall prey to the twinges of guilt and pity which this persoo

Extricating oneself from the emotional manipulation of others is not as difficult as it tends to feel, however. Sometimes. even a solitary refusal to a trivial request is enough to break even a particularly vicious cycle.
You can test this premise by

having "run out" of contacts the next time your former colleague comes knocking at your office door. And keep guilt at bay by reminding yourself that be hasn't shown himself genuinely ready to collize them anyway. to oolize them anyway.

Letters should be addressed

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Teaching values: One school's approach

TAnnandale-High School, a melting pot of Asian, Latino, black and white sudents in the Virginia suburbs adjoining Washington DC, parents and teachers this year gave birth to a character education program based on what they call the "seven comerstones of character": honesty, citizenship, fairness, caring, responsibility, respect and self-dis-

Lorraine Johnson, a math teacher at Amandale High and the parent of a senior there, was an early skep-tic of the character initiative. "I thought we would be pushing our valoes on someone else," said Johnson, who at 48 has been teaching for 25 years.

But in the months since the corperstones of character were adopt-

ed and her fellow teachers began incorporating them into their lessons, Johnson has come to see them as "just common sense, the way people should behave."

The seven virtues embraced by Annandale, added Johnson, "might seem like consensus, but it's not clear the kids learn them at home They think it's perfectly acceptable to cheat on a test." Following advice from the burgeoning industry of experts in character education, the organizers of Annandale's program sought out parents and students early in the process to hammer out a list of virtues that all could agree on. In several sessions last summer, the committee of volunteers huddled to draft such a list.

THE EXERCISE was revealing. Although participants say the.

glimpse into the conflicting impulses of American adults as they grapple with a perceived

Several teachers and parents, for instance, rejected "tolerance" as a proposed cornerstone. Some argued that in a world where right is right and wrong is wrong, that tolerance was just a bit too accepting. Others argued that tolerance was not quite posiove enough. For many minorities, for instance, they argued it was not enough just to be tolerated; one wanted to be respected as well. All of those involved, however, could agree that "respect" covered the necessary territory.

Others wanted to zero in on student behavior by stiffening penalties for cheating, indiscipline and

process was surprisingly free of infractions of the school's dress actimony, the exchanges offered a code. But teachers like Pat code. But teachers like Pat Giegerich, a 43-year veteran of teaching who spearheaded Amandale's effort, urged them to fight back the implies to treat symptoms and argued that teaching students larger lessons about respect and responsibility would have a more lasting effect on their behavior.

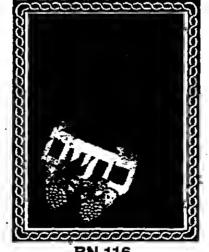
"People want instant solutions." said Giegerich. "But you can't stop cheating unless you create people who value honesty.

This is about creating a society

in which people have a stake and treat people the way they would want to be treated. And discipline has to be part of that. Discipline based on coercion and threats alone is not going to work."

(Los Angeles Times)

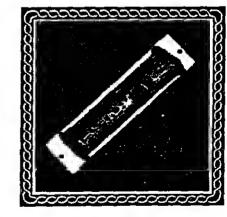
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New apartment sales up in first quarter

Jerusalem Post Staff

SALES of new apartments rose during the first three months of the year in comparison with both the previous quarter and the corresponding period last year, the Central Bureau of Statistics reported yesterday.

During the January-March period. 11,000 newly-built apartments were offfered for sale in Israel's 24 largest cities, and 4,770 of them were sold. During the last three months of last year, 4,400 new apartments were sold of 10,610 offered. In 1995's first quarter 11,041 new apartments were offered for sale, and 4,686 of them were sold.

The cities where the most new apartments were sold were Petah Tikva (1,046), Tel Aviv-Jaffa (492), Haifa (332), Rehohot (320), Rishon Lezion (298), Ashdod (294), Jerusalem (253), Netanya (215) and Ashkelon (203). Of the newly built apartments sold in this year's first quarter, 48

Of the newly built apartments sold in this year's first quarter, 48 percent were four-room flats, 42% have five rooms or more, and 10% have three rooms or less.

Most of the sold apartments were in preliminary construction stages, one in five was at the stage just before completion, and 3% were fully built.

Leumi hires Coopers & Lybrand to chart strategic master plan

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

BANK Leumi has hired the services of Cooper's and Lyhrand, the New York-based multinational accounting and consultancy specialist, in order to assist it with its Ofakim 2000 project, a strategic husiness plan intended to redraw the bank's long-term strategies.

Cooper's will work with the Kesselman Management Services company, a subsidiary of the Kesselman and Kesselman accounting firm.

Bank Leumi said Kesselman will work directly with its Ofakim 2000 team in Israel, while the US firm will present Bank Leumi's management with existing bank models and methods of implementing

various models into the bank.

Leumi said the move should give it a competitive advantage over other hanks, and help it to focus on new technologies which are necessary for hanking in the future.

The new program is expected to increase Leumi's efficiency and improve its banking services, but it is not bound to generate major structural of personnel changes.

personnel changes.
The Bank said Ofakim 2000 will examine banking trends with respect to customer demands and requirements in light of demographic changes, technological developments and hank-licensing laws.

Bonn police brace for record anti-austerity rally

BONN (Reuter) - German police braced yesterday for the biggest ever rally in Bonn where up to balf a million protesters could take to the streets this weekend to march against planned government spending

Police said an influx of 200,000 workers joined hy church groups, political activists, students, motorcycle and bicycle cavalcades from across Germany would hring the city to a virtual standstill and disrupt traffic in the surrounding area.

Trade unions alone plan to send 5,400 buses and 74 special trains packed with protesters. The Greens party, peace and left-wing groups plan to support them in a parallel rally.

"We expect a minimum of 250,000 people to come, but it could be more than 400,000 and we must he prepared for this," Bonn police president Dierk

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Schnitzler told a news

conference.
"It's certainly going to be a big event, much higger than anything we've seen over the last few years," he said. The biggest demonstration to date drew 350,000 peace protesters in a

held in Bonn in 1982.

The German Trade Union Federation (DGB) called Saturday's rally under the banner "Off To Bonn!" as a national stand against the government's planned austerity drive aimed at

belping Germany qualify for the

single European currency.

It will come as the climax of more than a month of protests against Chancellor Helmut Kohl's center-right coalition's plans to cut benefits, pensions and sick pay - plans which the DGB says have betrayed Germany's traditional post-war

consensus.

More than 20,000 workers at a Volkswagen plant in Wolfsburg hriefly stopped work yesterday to show their anger.

to show their anger.

In a newspaper advertisement, the DGB urged Germans to join in protest against what it called an onslaught on the welfare state and joh security. The government wants the reforms to rein in soaring a hudget deficit and comhat high

unemployment.
"The government and employers have...agreed on a policy of social injustice. They have failed to create new jobs. The austerity program is unhalanced and unjust," said the advertisement signed by the DGB's 16

member unions.
"It's going to be a tough week. But we'll do our best to make it tolerable for all concerned," Werner D'hein, the press spokesman for the city authorities, told journal-

D'bein told the news conference given hy the police, emergency services and city authorities that they had set up telephone hotlines providing information on how each street and section of the city would be affected.

Gov't denies reports of Mad Cow imports

ISRAEL did not import British animal feed potentially contaminated with the agent that causes the so-called madcow disease, the Director of the Agriculture Ministry Veterinarian Services

Arnon Shimshoni said last night. His comments were made in response to the latest edition of the science journal Nature which reported that Britain more than doubled exports of potentially contaminated animal feed after banning use of such feed itself.

Citing government statistics, it said tens of thousands of tons of feed that could have included the remains of infected animals were exported after a 1988 han on using it in Britain.

Israel imported nearly 10,000 tons of British feed in 1991, the journal said.

However, according to Shimshoni, since January 1989, Israel has imported "not one gram" of DAVID HARRIS and news agencies

beef meal. "The only feed we import is from poultry," be said. Indeed since then, said Shimshoni, every batch of foodstuff bought from Britain has carried a certificate showing it is only from poultry. Moreover, the feed is only purchased from factories where no beef is used in produc-

tion, he added.

According to Shimshoni, Israel was the first government in the world to take such measures. In July 1990, Jerusalem's ambassador to the European Union, Avi Primor, received a letter from the Union's Agriculture Commissioner which suggested Israel was taking exaggerated safety measures which could impede trade.

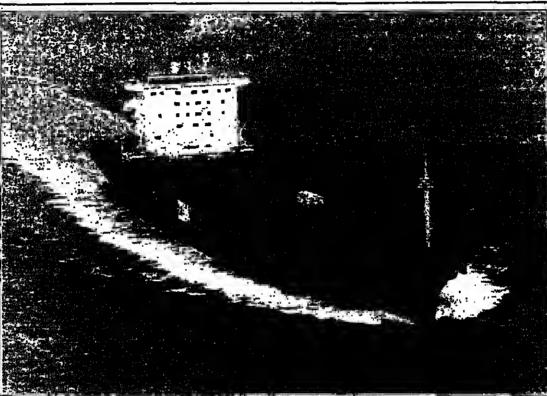
"Israel decided it wouldn't take any chances," said Shimshom last night. "Israeli cows haven't eaten beef feed from anywhere since 1990, and our cattle are the leading producers of milk in the world."

Shimshoni suggests Nature may have been misled by the British Agriculture Ministry statistics which did not specify what types of meal Israel had been purchasing.

British government scientists say they believe mad cow disease – Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) – is caused by feeding cattle the remains of sheep infected with scrapie, their own version of the deadly, brainwacting disease.

wasting disease.

The European Union banned exports of all British beef and beef products in March, after London admitted that some cases of Crentzfeldt-Jakoh Disease, the buman version of mad cow disease, could he caused by eating infected beef.



The 'Zim Asia' steams toward Haifa yesterday. The first of eight ships built for Zim by the H.D.W. Shipyards of Kiel, Germany, the 'Zim Asia' can carry 3,400 containers.

Main shareholders oppose sale of Oberson Fashion to Klil Yofi Model

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

AN agreement to sell Oberson Gideon Fashion Industries to Kiil Yofi Model may be canceled because the company's major shareholder refuses to give the huyers' indemnity, Kiil Yofi general manager Yossi Lev said yesterday.

ager Yossi Lev said yesterday.
Sources close to Oherson Gideon said last-minute efforts are being made to convince Dani Steinmitz, who owns about 42% of the company, to approve indemnity to Kiil.

The Nazareth-based Klil has conditioned the final signing of the agreement on its receipt of indemnity, which is intended to protect the potential huyers from legal claims in the case of a creditors' arrangement.

At the end of last week, the companies reached an agreement for the sale of 77 percent of Oberson to Kiil, for \$2 million in cash and an investment of \$4m. into the Ramat-Gan hased beachwear manufacturer.

According to the agreement the company's existing shareholders, the Steinmitz family and the Oberson

family, which holds 30% of the shares, will pay off Oberson's debts which amount to about \$3m. The company accumulated its debts after its US

distributor went bankrupt, and also as a result of relatively large-scale investments in the establishment of a distribution network in the US, which was not compensated for hy an increase in sales.

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might prevent the agreement's final approval.

Klil, the manufacturer of Pilpel bathing suits and private labels for foreign companies including Sara Lee, is controlled by the Peled family and by Lev, who hold 80% and 20% of the company's shares,

respectively.

The company currently controls about one-third of the local beachwear market.

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Lev said the purchase of Gibor is part of Klil's plans to expand its activities in the beachwear field. The merger, he believes, should not result in massive layoffs, though several production lines might

BA, American Airlines deal expected to be cleared by US, EU regulators

LONDON (Reuter) - British
Airways and American Airlines
may face a rough ride over their
controversial alliance but analysts
and industry executives say the
deal will eventually be cleared by
US and European authorities.

The proposed partnership has already hit flak from Richard Branson, owner of rival Virgin Atlantic, but US airlines are being more circumspect, mainly, analysts say, because the deal means in creased access to London Heathrow, Europe's most lucrative landfall for transatlantic traffic.

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Washington is linking approval to getting an "open skies" air services agreement with Britain which would entail giving all US

airlines access to Heathrow.

Under the current agreement only four airlines, American Airlines, United Airlines, British Airways and Virgin are allowed to operate transatlantic services out of Heathrow, and these are restricted to specific destinations and frequencies.

"I am sure that there are many issues that need to be thrashed out but I think ultimately they will get it," said Mike Powell, European airlines analysts at NatWest Markets.

"They make the point that they

"They make the point that they only overlap on six (transatlantic) routes and there is already competition on all of these routes except Dallas-London," Powell said.

"The argument is going to be that all of these routes are to be opened up to competition for any UK or US airline and I think that is how the US authorities will justify approving the deal to themselves and to their constituents."

selves and to their constituents."
Branson's own trans-Atlantic alliance partner Delta Air Lines says it will oppose the BA/American Airlines deal, but adds it might not if the US government secured the right "open skies" air services agreement with Britain which gave Delta adequate flying rights at Heathrow.

"We will be lobbying for open skies' and access to Heathrow along with a guarantee of (runway) slots and facilities, and if it's in there to the extent that Delta wants then we will be for it," said Dean Breest, Delta's spokesman in London.

American's biggest home rival United Airlines said it will not object, not least because it's own grand alliance with Deutsche Lufthansa bas already got approval.

approval.

BA and American Airlines may have a hard time persuading the authorities that their combined 60 percent share of the Anglo-US market is not anti-competitive.

But they argue that their com-

But they argue that their combine is no bigger than the United Airlines-Lufthansa axis which pulls in Scandinavian Airlines Systems, Thai Airways and Air Canada

"It's a bit ironic that BA's competitors have blazed the regulatory trail for them," said Powell

BUSINESS IN BRIEF

Ampa buys share of Avionetics: Ampa Investments has signed an agreement to purchase 20 percent of Avionetics, for \$750,000. Avionetics is a subsidiary of Elisra Holdings, the largest company in Israel engaged in electronic warfare. During the last few years Elisra has invested heavily in civilian application of its military technologies. Avionetics is engaged in development of Integrated Cockpit Information Systems, sophisticated systems that enable pilots, with a touch of a button, to receive all operational data needed to fly a plane.

Galir Lipkis Beck

Electra to sell Goldstar's products here: Korean industrial conglomerate Goldstar has announced it has contracted Electra to market its products in Israel. Goldstar, which manufactures household electrical appliances, employs more than 100,00 people worldwide. Company sales last year stood at \$64 billion, with the

firm controlling 16 percent of the world VCR market.

Purchases of Goldstar products have been increasing in recent years in Israel, and the company sees room for further growth in sales, in part as a result of the peace process and also the rise in living standards.

David Harris

More computer sales to Slovenia: Super Shivuk Technologies Ltd. has won a \$900,000 tender to provide 860 Packard Bell computers to Slovenia's ministry of education.

The Holon-based distribution company markets Packard Bell computers in Israel and Eastern Europe. In 1995, Super Shivuk Technologies sold \$3m. worth of computers to Slovenia's military and treasury. During the first quarter of 1996, Super Shivuk Technologies' sales of Packard Bell products totaled about \$5m.. a 61% increase over the corresponding period one year ago.

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Internal air passengers up by 14 percent: The Civil Aviation Administration has reported that there were a million passengers flying on internal flights in Israel in 1995, 14 percent more than the previous year. The increase, the administration said, was far greater than the international average of 5 percent. The reason for the increase, the administration said, was the rise in the number of tourists from abroad, the upward swing in Israeli's disposable income and the increased number of landing fields around the country.

Haim Shapiro

Call for committee on Greece-Israel trade: The Hellenic Foreign Trade Board has called on the Israel to jointly create a permanent committee for trade co-operation between Athens and Jerusalem. Meeting senior Industry and Trade Ministry officials, the Greek delegation said this week that it wants to increase imports and exports in both directions. Over the last five years bilateral trade has more than doubled, reaching \$347 million in 1995:

David Harris

Tourism turnover up in first quarter: The tourist-based hotel sector's turnover in the first three months of the year stood at NIS 808 million, up 20 percent over the same period last year, according to figures published yesterday by the Central Bureau for Statistics.

In the same period, the number of nights spent in hotels rose by 13%. The increase in turnover also compasses other hotel activities, including the use of sports factivities and hospide functions. Fifty-eight percent of turnover was received in foreign currency worth more than \$150 million, reported the CBS. That represents a 22% increase on the first three months of 1995. Of that sum, 75% was spent in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Ellat. The remainder of turnover, almost NIS 340 million, came from Israelis and was not exempt from VAT. Turnover in shekels was up 12% to 13% over the same period last year.

David Harris

Special US court blocks new Internet indecency law

PHILADELPHIA (Reuter) – Ina ground-breaking decision on free-speech rights over the Internet, a special US court panel blocked as unconstitutional a new federal law probibiting indecency on computer networks.

The three-judge panel issued Wednesday a preliminary injunction blocking enforcement of portions of the Communications Decency Act (CDA), signed by President Clinton on February E, which prohibit the distribution to minors of indecent or "patently offensive" materials over computer networks.

The court let stand prohibitions against obscenity and child pornography, types of speech that are not constitutionally protected and were not challenged by the act's opponents.

"The Internet may fairly be regarded as a never-ending world-wide conversation," US District Judge Stewart Dalzell, a member of the panel, said in his opinion

accompanying the decision.

"The government may not, through the CDA, interrupt that conversation. As the most participatory form of mass speech yet developed, the Internet deserves the highest protection from gov-

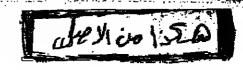
ernmental intrusion," he said,
Also on the panel were US
District Court Judge Ronald
Buckwalter and Dolores Sloviter,
chief justice of the Third Circuit
US Court of Appeals.

In its legal conclusion, the court said the blocked portions of the act were unconstitutional on their face.

The injunction was issued in response to a lawsuit against the US Justice Department challenging the act. The challenge was filed by the American Civil Liberties Union and groups representing libraries, publishers and the computer on-line industry.

A Justice Department spokesman said the agency had no immediate comment on the ruling.

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Poor showings on Wall Street send TASE stocks lower

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Two-Sided index

STOCKS sank after rising yesterday following declines in Israeli companies traded on Wall Street, including Koor Industries and the Israel Corp.

Investors were also concerned about Israel's increasing trade deficit, which rose 1.4 percent in May from April to \$947 million. "The trade deficit will reach

\$11.5 hillion this year," said Eitan Shtarkman, a fund manager at Zeler Avlagon in Ramat Gan.
"While the deficit isn't a surprise, we thought the tread was chang-ing and wouldn't keep growing." The Maof Index of 25 issues

fell 0.83% to 213.48 and the Two-Sided Index of 100 shares fell 0.77% to 202.52. Of 987 shares trading across the exchange, 23 shares fell for every 10 that rose.

Some NIS 61.4 million worth of shares chaoged haods, NIS 11.2m. helow yesterday's level and about NIS 30m, below

last week's average trading level.
Koor fell 2.25%. Koor's American Depositary Receipts, which fell 1/4 to 181/4 yesterday, were down 1/2.

Koor subsidiary Tadiran fell 2.25% percent as well. Tadiran subsidiary Elista yesterday anoccoced it had entered into a joint venture with Ampa Investment to develop electronic equipment for civilian aircraft. Ampa's shares fell 5%.

Israel Corp. fell 2.75% following declines in Tower Semiconductor Ltd., which fell to a sixmonth low of 10% yesterday after anooociog it had coded so agreement for Hewlett-Packard Co. to buy silicoo wafers from Tower, Israel Corp. holds 40% of Tower, which is not traded in Tel

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with representatives of American businessman Micbael Milkeo io order to interest Milkeo in purchasing a stake in Israel Chemicals Ltd. from the government, reported Israel Radio.

Eisenberg bought 25 percent of JCL from the government last year, and 26% of the company trades oo the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange. The government holds

ICL's shares fell 1.75%. 1CL subsidiary Dead Sea Works rose 0.25% and subsidiary Dead Sea Bromine closed unchanged.

Other chemical shares fell as well, with Makhteshim Chemical Works declining 1.75% and Agan Chemical Maoufactorers Ltd. falling 2.25%.

Maof Index-listed Teva Pharmaceuticals Ltd. fell 0.5%. Teva's ADRs, which closed nochanged at 44% Tuesday, were down 1/2.

Investment companies Africa Israel and IDB Holdings fell 1.75%; Osem Investments Ltd. fell 3%,

and Bezeq Ltd. fell 0.25%. Banking shares on the Maof Index were mixed with Bank Hapoalim rising 0.75%; First International Bank rising 0,25% and Bank Leumi declining 0.5%.

Bank Hapoalim is "now a good huy; it's trading at a good price," said Shtarkmao, Yesterday iovestment firm Salomoo Brothers announced it had initiated coverage of the bank with a 'buy" recommendation.

Gaining shares also included Two-Sided Index-listed Mofet Israel Technology Fund Ltd., which rose for a secood day, gaining 1.25%. Investors are speculatiog Orckit Communications Ltd., in which Mofet holds a stake, will file to sell shares on Wall Street, said Shtarkman.

Elite Industries Ltd. also rose, gaining 2%.

London shares rise amid quiet trading

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON - Shares coded modestly higher in a quiet market still largely dominated hy US coocerns. For the third successive day, trading was patchy, with few investors confident of committing themselves in a packed week of UK and US economic data. The FTSE 100 closed at the day's best

of 3,769.2, a gain of 13.5 points. FRANKFURT - Shares ended bourse trade higher hut off a oew all-time record of 2,577.75 points hit in IBIS electronic dealings. The 30-share DAX index ended bourse trade up 22.53 points at 2,568.88. The IBIS DAX ended the day at 2,569.90. Dealers said the DAX reached the oew high oo follow-through buying interest after the market rallied on Tues-

day following signs of lower-thanexpected US wholesale inflation. TOKYO - Stocks surged due to buying in a broad range of

shares centering on blue chips such as Sooy and Matsusbita Electric Iodustrial, with the benchmark Nikkei average gaining more than 1 perceot to close at a one-mooth high. The Nikkei closed up 287,18 points, or 1.32 perceot, at 22,104.80.

HONG KONG - Stocks ended lower after trading in a narrow range throughout most of the session. Brokers said investors were unwilling to make big bets on either the boy or the sell side ahead of US retail price data for May. The Hang Seng index fell 34.88 points to close at 10,958.67.

NY stocks give back gains as bonds worsen WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (AP) - Stocks gave back most of their gains yesterday as boods worsened again, sending interest rates to new ooc-

year highs, despite a tame inflation reading. A positive report on semicoodoctor sales lifted technology

On Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average fell just 0.37 to close at 5,668.29, down from an afternoon gain of more than 36

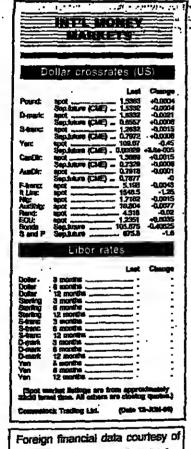
The market was unmoved by oews that coosomer prices

climbed 0.3 perceot in May. The report was in line with analyst expectations and did little to alleviate worries the Federal Reserve will soon raise interest rates to slow spending and keep inflation under control.

loterest rates oo hoods, already at their highest level in more than a year, were hardly changed most of the day. But by mid-afternoon, they were headed to their fourth straight rise in the aftermath of Friday's strong employment report, which has reignited inflation worries.

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Lancs, Northants to meet in B&H final Israel names

LONDON (Reuter) - A brilliant 81 from Warren Hegg and some desperate hitting from the tail saw defending champions Lancashire book their place in the Benson and Hedges Cup final with a thrilling onewicket win from the last ball of their semifinal against Yorkshire yesterday.

Their opponents in the final at Lords on July 13 will be Northamptonshire which completed a 27-run win over Warwickshire ai Northampion.

The roses match at Old Trafford produced a classic game with fortunes swinging either way right up to the last ball when number 11 Peter Martin carved Craig White into the covers and beat Michael Vaughan's fierce return to collect the two runs still

Chasing Yorkshire's 250 for five after Tuesday's rain-hit day, Lancashire had crashed to 97 for five before some inspired batting from Neil Fairbrother and Warren Hegg put them back in line for their fifth final in nine years.

Fairbrother made a rapid 59 but when he was cleverly run out by White, sidefooting the ball at the stumps, Lancashire was still 90 runs short and the game had swung back

Hegg, however, produced an inspired performance, which won him the man of the match award, as he smashed \$1 from just 62 balls. When be was bowled by White, Yorkshire again looked the likely winners but Martin and Chapple scrambled the eight runs still needed from the last

Yorkshire's commanding total came by virtue of an undefeated 167-run fifth-wicket partnership between Australian Michael Bevan (95 not out) and Richard Blakey (80) after Yorkshire had slumped to \$3 for five.

Northants, who won the trophy for the only time in 1980, secured their place in the final thanks to some inspired fielding from Tim Walton whose two brilliant runouts spoiled Warwickshire's bopes of a return to Lords.

Resuming oo 91 for three after rain washed away a large counk of Tuesday's play, Warwickshire, which has reached five of the last six one-day finals, made brisk progress towards its victory target of

Stroke-makers Dominic Ostler, Paul

Smith and Trevor Penney took the score on 10 149 for four before Walton, who had rescued his side with a gutsy unbeaten 70 the previous day, struck from the outfield. Racing in from deep mid-wicket as

Penney came back for a second, be hit the stumps from 40 meters for a crucial runTwo overs later he pounced again as Smith tried to pinch a single to backward point and again knocked down the stumps, this time at the bowler's end.

Warwickshire fell to pieces, slipping to 159 for eight with 10 overs to spare. Captain Dermot Reeve - so ofteo his side's savior in crucial clashes - did his best to stop the rot but ran out of partners as the

visitors were bowled out for 193. The 23-year-old Walton, brought in for out-of-form opener Alan Fordham, was named man of the match.

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At Northampton: Northamptonshire beat Warwickshire by 27 runs. Northamptonshire 220-7 innings closed (T.Walton 70 not out), Warwickshire 193 in 47.5 overs.

At Old Trafford: Lancashire beat Yorkshire by one wicket. Yorkshire 250-5 innings closed (M.Bevan 95 not out, R.Blakey 80 not out). Lancashire 251-9 innings closed (W.Hegg 81, N.Fairbrother 59).

Atlanta squad

HEATHER CHAIT

THIRTY-seveo days before the Olympic Games open in Atlanta, the Israeli delegation was named yesterday in Tel Aviv.

Twenty-four athletes and 13 coaches are included in the squad which, together with officials, will number approximately 50. The team consists of Yael Arad.

Oreo Smadja (judo), Gocha Chichiashvili (wrestling), Nir and Ran Chantal, Shani Kedmi and Anat Fabrikant, Gal Friedman (maritime), Rogel Nahum, Constantin Matusevich, Constantin Simyonev, Danny Krasnov (track and field). Vacislav Ivanovsky (weightlifting), Boris Polak, Alex Tripolski, Guy Starek (shooting), Lydia Hatoel-Zuckerman, Ayelet Ohayon, Lilach Parisky (fencing), Vacislav Neiman (boxing), Yoav Bruck, Vadim Alexsev, Dan Kutler and Eytan Orbach (swim-

Kayaker Lior Carmi is the only athlete whose inclusion is still dependent on the international kayaking body's rules.

The Olympic flag will be borne by Barcelona silver medalist Arad at the opening ceremony on July 19 and delegation head is Yoram

The last-minute bype surrounding athletes skirting the squad came to naoght as after 24 hours deliberation, officials decided not to bend to any of their pleas.

Both Guy Fogel and Amit Leng, judokas in the 60-kilogram category, will remain at home as well as archer Yaron Kolesnik who had been awarded a free ticket to the Games on political grounds.

Director of the Elite Sport Unit. Itzik Ben-Melech, was wary about bringing home medals. No one in the ream is the best in the world but we have athletes like Oren and Gocha who are among the best in their field. If we have five or six athletes in the final, it will be considered a success."

When asked why the Israeli criteria were ofteo more stringent that the international ones, Ben-Melech answered, "In 1996 we demand results.

For Atlanta, unlike Barcelona (where 30 Israelis participated). the athletes had to produce results from world or European championships, not minor events.

Notwithstanding the low profile, monetary incectives for medals are already m place. A gold medal will see the athlete rewarded with NIS 500,000, a silver will earn NIS 300,000 and a bronze NIS 200,000. The respective coaches will receive half of this figure. A fourth to eighth place will also be compensated.

In this Olympic centennial year, 14 family members of ath-letes murdered in the Munich Olympics, have been invited by the Israel delegation to Atlanta.

Ramat Hasharon prepares for wheelchair tourney

LOCAL SCENE HEATHER CHAIT

THE 10th annual Israel Open Wheelchair Tennis tournament will be held from June 19-23 at Ramat Hasharon.

In this Olympic year, fewer overseas players have registered than usual but world number five, Ricky Moliere from the Netherlands and Germany's Stefan Bitterauf (No. 10) will be competing.

Among the Israelis competing will be four players who will par-ticipate at the Paralympics in Atlanta. The men are Eyal Sarrov and Gil Naor with Tiki Aharoni and Kinneret Wallach leading the women's competition.

Meanwhile, changing his spots was soccer player Shal Hess who won the tennis tournament for soccer and basketball players, also in Ramat Hasharon, Hess beat Golan Malul 6-1, 6-2 in the final. In the next age group, Udi Robowitz beat Steve Kaplan 6-4, 6-1.

Also doing a turnaround was Gilad Bloom who won the Teniregel event, together with Assaf Tischler, beating Dani Heiman and Shlomi Chen 16-14. Respecting the fallen

This year's kayaking championships were held in the shadow of champion kayaker Nevo Eitan's death. A remembrance regatta moved as one unit from the club at Emek Hayarden northwards to Eitan's final resting place along the Kinneret where a memorial service was held. Afterwards, in the competition, Rami Tsur and Lior Carmi were

crowned the national men and women champions. Sweet 16 for Hatoel-Zuckerman

National fencing heroine Lydia Hatoel-Zuckerman won the Israeli fencing championships for her 16th time. Hatoel, 33, who will lead the team in Atlanta, beat last year's winner and fellow Olympian Lilach Pariski 15-13.

Tomer Or won the men's category besting Yoav Oppenberg.

Brail wins again

Competing is everything. The
makeshift local "Futbolito" team

finished in fourth and last spot in the indoor soccer tournament held at Hadar Yosef. Brazil won the event with a 1-0

victory over Mexico in the final and Morocco seized third place. The best goal tally at the end of the tournament was Ronni Sidavi from Mexico while Menny Levy was Israel's top scorer.

Jerusalem of Sport Jerusalem, better known for politics and religion, will be a sports haven on Monday as over 200,000 people participate in the International Sports Day. The event, celebrated in 100 cities worldwide, aims to encourage a casual, non-competitive interest

The fun will include cycling, martial arts, swimming, mother and child exercises and a massive march.

The Jerusalem Municipality's Sports Authority is the drive behind the day. For more details, call 02-612342.

Jackson mulls taking year off

SEATTLE (AP) - Phil Jackson could live without coaching next

With his team on the verge of winning a fourth National Basketball Association title in six years, he said Tuesday that if the Chicago Bulls aren't ready to use dollars to show how much they want him, he's ready to sit out the 1996-97 season.

You have to have options in life," said Jackson, whose team was scheduled to play the Seattle SuperSonics last night and possibly clinch the NBA Finals. In seven seasons, the 50-year-

old coach has put together the best winning percentage in NBA bistory, both in the regular season (.721) and playoffs (.739). After settiog a record with 72 victories this season, his Bulls are

14-1 in the playoffs. Jackson feels very good about coaching these days, yet he is willing to walk away from the game.
"I always said that seven years is the cycle of man, the cycle of

growth," said Jackson, a proponent of Zen philosopby. "I had earmarked this as the year that 1 would finish up, take a year off. "But being prepared to do it and being forced into doing it are two

different things." Jackson's contract expires July 1, and the Chicago Tribune reported that the Bulls are offering him \$1.65 million a year. The New Jersey Nets just bired John Calipari, a college coach who never has been involved in the

NBA, for \$3 million a season. Jackson, who has a base salary this season of \$866,000, might have been a candidate for New Jersey and several other positions. But as the Bulls rolled through the playoffs, one job after another became filled. So taking next season off might be Jackson's best option. Then, he'd be able to assess future openings.

"Phil's decision is going to be well backed-up by his players," Scottie Pippeo said. "If he decides to take a year off, who knows? Maybe the whole team will join

Best-of-7

Last night: Chicago at Seattle Tomorrow: Chi. at Sea., if necessary (Chicago leads series 3-0) Last night's game will be broadcast today at 7 am on ITV Channel 3 (Cable 33).

CLOWNING AROUND - England soccer star Paul Gascoigne shows off his skills to teammates Gareth Southgate and Paul Ince during a training session. England plays Scotland on Saturday.

Venables: Tabloids are 'traitors'

LONDON (Reuter) - Eogland coach Terry Venables has accused the country's tabloid newspapers of being trailors to his Euro 96 squad and turning the public against them.

Venables's outburst was prompted by front page stories and pictures of England trio Teddy Sberingham, Sol Campbell and Jamie Redknapp in a nightclub after the disappointing 1-1 draw with Switzerland on Saturday.

"I know a few of the lads are starting to think some papers are was fueled by photographs of team traitors to us, turning the public against them. What's the aim of

that?" asked Veoables. would like them to try and help us win games. We're at home, which should be an advantage, but the support isn't as strong as it should. be and the advantage is disappear-The tabloid spotight has fallen on

England again following com-plaints by Cathy Pacific airline that some of the players had caused £5,000 of damage on a flight home from a recent Far East tour.

Media outrage at the incident members with shirts ripped and clutching beer bottles at a birthday party for Paul Gascoigne at a Hong Kong nightclub,

The trio pictured drinking after England's game against the Swiss were on a two-day break Venables had allowed his players following their Wembley opener.
"I can't understand why things

are portrayed like this," said Venables at their first training session back together. "If the players are going to relax then let them, as long as they don't upset anyone.

"They had permission to go home for a couple of days as they will be in the botel from now until next Tuesday, so wby shouldn't

they have a drink?

"After all, the Italians and Spaniards have wine with every meal, and the Germans and Dutch organize nights out. When the Irish go out for a drink everyone thinks it's fine, yet when it comes to us there's a different attitude altogether."

Yesterday: No games scheduled

Today: (At Newcastle) Bulgaria vs. Romania, 6:30 pm; (At Birmingham) Switzerland vs. Netherlands, 9:30 pm. Tomorrow: (At Nottingham) Portugal vs. Turkey, 6:30 pm; (At Liverpool) Czech Republic vs. Italy, 9:30 pm. All games televised live on Channel 1

It's Grant in, Kashtan out, at Maccabi Tel Aviv **ORI LEWIS** Shapira gave the go-ahead for Grant to move

DROR Kashtan's demands from Maccabí Tel Aviv have cost bim his job and Avraham Grant will, after all, be the National League soccer champions' coach for the next five seasons.

The shock news came in the early bours of yesterday morning, following news that Kashtan had fallen out with the club he has coached for the past season, after making demands which were clear the club would be unable or unwilling to bow to.

Kashtan had asked for a long-term contract and the dismissal of administrative manager, Shimon Korek. Neither, however, were demands which the club was prepared to discuss and Kashtan was promptly shown the door.

Grant's appointment thus comes one season earlier than planned, as it was expected that

Kashtan would see ont his two-year contract with the club before handing over to the man who has been in charge at Hapoel Haifa for the past season.

But the changing of the guard at Maccabi was oot all smooth sailing. While it was clear yesterday that Kashtan would not continue with the Tel Aviv club, the appointment of Grant was only confirmed once Hapoel Haifa chairman Rubie Shapira had been contacted in

back south, and he is taking his loyal assistant, Emanuel Ophir, with him. Grant's contract with Maccabi is said to be for five seasons, a period during which the club hopes to build a solid base under private ownership and become a contender on the European stage. In the interim, Hapoel Haifa has been left high and dry. The club was due to begin train-

mer's Intertoto Cup competition in Europe, but so far a replacement coach has not been found. Shapira has said he is looking for a coach in Europe and be does not plan to sign an Israeli to the position for this season, at least.

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VEHICLES

be suspended NEW YORK (Reuter) Controversial Cincinnati Reds owner Marge Schott will be suspended from day-to-day control of the team, according to a report by the cable sports network

Citing unidentified sources, ESPN reported Tuesday night that the suspension was expected to run through the 1997 season. It said some baseball officials were pushing for the ban to last longer, perhaps through 1999

after which Schott's partnership agreement to run the Reds Acting Commissioner Bud

Tuesday to announce the hiring of a marketing director to improve the sport's tarnished image, but he gave no indication of the impending decision on Schott, whose recent conduct he has called

worse than embarrassing. job is introducing Greg Murphy," Selig said when asked about any ruling on Schott, which was to be banded down by baseball officials

Council will name an interim president to assure Schott does not run the Reds through a handpicked replacement, ESPN report-

TUESDAY'S NL RESULTS: Pittsburgh 7, San Francisco 2; Chicago 9, Philadelphia 2; Montreal 3, Florida 2; Atlanta 4, New York 3 (13); Colorado 7, Houston 5; St. Louis 6, Los Angeles 3; Cincinnati 4, San Diego t.

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The first New Israeli Opera production is directed by France's Jean-Claude Auvray and conducted by Gary Bertini. Mezzo-soprano Sara Fulgoni sings Charlotte, the young woman Werther (Antonio Nagore) adores. At the Tel Aviv Performing Arts Center tonight at 8. Saturday at 9 p.m. (French with Hebrew supertitles.)

LIGHT MUSIC

HELEN KAYE

YAIR Dalal and his Alol Quintet present an evening of Israeli music with an oriental flair. Dalal plays the oud and violin and sings with Eyal Sela on flute and clarinet, Eyal Faran on situr and guitar, Nurit Ofer, vocals and tabla, and percussionist Avalon Nofer, At the Pargod Theater, Jerusalem on Saturday at 8:30 p.m.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

ITALIAN pianist Pietro De Maria presents a recital Saturday (9) at the Tel Aviv Museum of Ravel's Gaspard de la Nuit, Etudes by Debussy

DANCE

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

and Schumann's Carnival.

THE Bat-Dor Dance Company presents a mixed program today (5) at its theater in Tel Aviv featuring Contretemps by Ania Brud, Ora Dror's On the Brink and Luciano Cannito's Black on Black danced to the music of Bach. Anat Danieli's haunting, contemplative hour-long October, performed by herself and members of her newly mangurated company can be seen Friday (10 p.m.) and Saturday (9 p.m.) at the Suzanne Dellal Center in Tel Aviv. This is undoubtedly one of the more captivating and evocative pure dance works of the year.

:Liat Dror and Nir Ben-Gal's newest opus The Land of Rape and Honey, which is about the Israeli experience of love, can be seen Friday (10 p.m.) at Kibbutz Netzer Sereni.

TELEVISION

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

AULIS Sallinen's newest opera The Castle, based very loosely on Mozart's The Abduction from the Seraglio, takes an intriguing look at the issues of private and public fidelity. Premiered last summer at the Savonlinna Festival in Finland, it can now be seen on the Discovery Channel (tonight at 11 and tomorrow at 7) together with a one-hour documentary about the composer (tonight at 10 and at 6 tomorrow).

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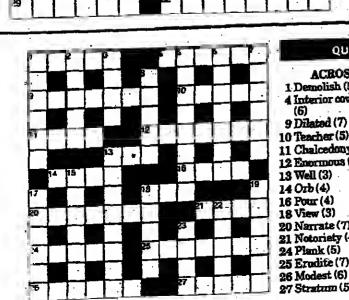
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down-and-out singer masquerades as a man and becomes the toast of Paris cabarets to the delight of her gay mentor, Starring Julie Andrews and Robert Preston. (133 mins.)

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14:00 The 700 Club 14:55 Immortal Battafion (1944) — British wartime movie about how civilians with no military background shape up to become iary background shape up to become a hard-core fighting machine. Starring David Niven, Peter Ustnov. (90 mins.) 18:05 Urban Peasants 16:30 Dennis the Menace 16:55 Mask 17:20 Diplodo 17:45 Front Runners 18:40 The A-Team 19:30 World News Tonight (Arabic) 20:00 CNN 20:30 Evening Shade 20:55 Jake and the Fatnan 21:45 Law and Order 22:35 Fatman 21:45 Law and Order 22:35 The 700 Club 23:05 Larry King - Live

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■ ITV 3 (33)

16:00 News 16:15 Arts magazine 17:15 On the Side of Justice 16:00 NBA 19:00 News in Arabic 19:30 Today - News in Russian 20:00 Mabet news 20:45 Telekesset 21:15 Kavanagh – British courtroom drama series 22:45 International Crime – documentary series 23:15 Inside Stuff 00:00 Closedown

■ ETV 2 (23)

15:30 Heydaze 16:00 Home Field 16:30 Born Winners 17:00 Great Inventors 17:30 Boulez: 20th-Century Music 18:00 Faces of Culture 18:30 Female Perspective 19:00 Zero Hour 19:30 Magazine in Russian 20:00 A New Evening, with Russian Subtitles 20:30 Family Album 21:00 Zombit Business 21:30 The Cutting Edge 22:00 70 Faces 22:30 History in the

FAMILY CHANNEL (3)

8:00 Falcon Crest (rpt) 9:00 One Lile to Live (rpt) 9:45 The Young and the Restless (rpt) 10:30 Days of Our Lives (rpt) 11:20 Peria Negra (rpt) 12:10 Neighbors (rpt) 12:35 Dallas (rpt) Neighbors (rpt) 12:35 Dalias (rpt)
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MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

10:30 in a Stranger's Hand (1991) (np) 12:05 A Breath of Scandal (1960) (rpt) 13:40 Seeing Stars 14:30 Svengati (1983) (rpt) 16:10 Josh and S.A.M. (1993) (rpt) 17:50 Stolen Bables (1993) - true story of en ideal istic woman in 1940s Memphis who. uncovers a string of babies stolen for adoption. With Mary Tyler Moore. Directed by Eric Laneuville (90 mins.) 19:25 Nobody's Perfect (1989) (rpt) 21:00 The Towering Interno (1974) -The most famous disaster movie of all time, with a star-studded cast trapped in a burning skyscraper. With Paul Newman, Steve McQueen and Faye Dunaway. Directed by John Guillerman and Irwin Allen (157 mins.) 23:40 Ruby (1992) - the life and motives of Jack Ruby, the small-time

hood who assassinated Lee Harvey Oswald. With Danny Aiello and Sheriyn Fenn. (105 mins.) 1:30 April Fool's Day (1986) - e group of students are invited to a classmate's family mansion on a lonesome island: there, they begin to disappear one by one. With Deborah Foreman and Griffin O'Neal (85 mins.) 3:00 Sweet Lies (1987) - an insurance-company detective arrives in Pans and becomes the target of two different women (rpt) 4:35 Bikini Island (1991) - five top models, shooting on location in a Caribbean island, are murdered, one after the other (rpt)

CHILDREN (6)

6:30 Cartoons 8:05 Ketchup Vampires (rpt) 8:30 Blinky Bill (rpt) 9:05 Alice in Wonderland (rpt) 9:35 Nils Holgerson (rpt) 10:05 Weird Love (rpt) 10:35 California Dreams (rpt) 11:05 Saved by the Bell (rpt) 11:30 Beakman's World (rpt) 12:00 Time Surlers (rpt) 12:45 Alvin and the Chipmunks (rpt) 13:00 Surprise Garden 13:35 Professor Iris 14:00 Robinson Sucroe 14:35 Alice in Wonderland 15:05 Nils Holgerson 15:35 Step by Step 18:05 Sweet Valley High 18:25 Saved By the Bell 17:05 Little University – Who Knows Six? 17:30 Little House on the Praine 18:15 Alvin and the Chipmunks 18:35 Ketchup Vampires (rpt) 19:00 Blinky Bill (rpt) 19:30 Three's Company 20:00 Married with Children 20:25 Roseanne 20:50 The Ren and Stimpy Show 21:05 Big Brother Jake 21:15 Drop the Dead Donkey

E SECOND SHOWING (6)

22:00 Cape Fear (1962) - Original version of the ex-convict seeking revenge on his lawyer, who didn't do enough to keep him out of jail. With Gregory Peck and Robert Mitchum.
Directed by J. Lee Thompson (101
mins.) 23:45 The Garden of Allah (1936) - story of impossible love between a socialite and a hernit, set in the Sahara. (75 mins.)

EDISCOVERY (8)

6:00 Open University 12:00 Cats (rpt) 13:30 Ancient Warriors (rpt) 14:00 Open University 16:00 Cats (rpt) 17:00 Future Quest (rpt) 17:30 Ancient Warriors (rpt) 19:00 Open University 20:00 One in A Million 20:30 The Wild South 21:00 Telescope 21:30 Des Plantes at Des Hommes 22:00 Aulis Plantes et Des Hommes 22:00 Autis Sallinen - Man and Music 23:00 The Palace - opera by Aulis Sallinen 1:00 Open University

SUPER CHANNEL

6:00 The Selina Scott Show 7:00 NBC News with Tom Brokaw 7:30 ITN World News 8:00 Today 10:00 Supershop 11:00 European Money Wheel 16:00 Wall Street Morning Reports – live 17:00 US Money Wheel 18:30 FT Business Tonight 19:00 ITN News 19:30 Adventures 20:30 The Selina Scott Show 21:30 Dateline 22:30 ITN News 23:00 Baseball 00:00 The Tonight Show with Jay Leno 1:00 Late Night with Conan O'Brien 2:00 Later with Greg Kinnear

STAR PLUS

8:00 Aerobics 6:30 Nanny and the Professor 7:00 Mr. Belvedere 7:30 De Medici Kitchen 8:00 El TV 8:30 Gabrielle 9:30 Santa Barbara 10:30 The Bold and the Beautiful 11:00 Oprah Winfrey 12:00 Remington Steele 14:00 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
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6:30 Bodies in motion 7:30 Basic Training 16:00 Bodies in motion 16:30 European Soccer Championships - European Cup magazine 19:00 NBA Basketball; Chicago vs Seattle/Utah 21:00 WWF 22:00 Iceskating 23:00 NBA Basketball: Chicago vs Seattle/Utah

EUROSPORT

9:30 Motor Sports Magazine 11:00 Soccer: European Cup (rpt) 12:30 Recreational Sport Magazine 13:00 Formula 1 Magazine 13:30 Motorcycling Magazine 14:00 Soc European Cup - round-up 15:30 Mountain Bikes: Cross Country World Championships 16:00 Tennis: ATP Grass Courts Tournament, England - live 19:00
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6:06 Morning Concert 9:06 Bruckner: Symphony no 4 "Romantic" (Bavarian RSO/Kubelik); R. Strauss; Also sprach Zarathustra (Rishon Lezion SO/Sheriff) 12:00 Noon with Gideon Hod - tamiliar music and quiz 14:06 Encore 15:00 Voice of Music magazine 16:00 Charpentier. Te Deum (Les Art Florissants); Mozarts String quartet In C minor K406 (Les Adieux); Prokofiev; Soneta tor violin solo op 115 (Fablo Biondi); Beethoven: Sonata no 30 for piano (Solomon); John Tavener: For the Child Dancing in the Wind for voice, fluts, viola and harp 18:00 New CDs - Handel: Concerts no 1 (Van Asperen/Age of Enlightenment); R. Strauss: Sintonia Domestica arr for 2 planos (Argerich, Rabinovich); Mahler: Symphony no 4 (Bavaria RSO/Davis) 20:05 From the Recording Studio — Orit Wolf, piano. Mozart: Fantasy in 0 minor K397; Reatherson Societa no 31 in A fat no Beethoven: Sonata no 31 in A flat op 110; Chopin: Ballade no 1 op 23; Orit Wolf: Prelude and Fugue ('95), Memories from the House of Prayer ('94); Debussy: Clair de lune 21:00 Clouds, Celebrations and Sirens 23:00 From the Record Shelf

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ISRAEL and Greece have agreed to conduct joint naval exercises by the end of the year as part of an Israeli effort to defuse opposition to its military cooperation with Turkey, Israeli officials said yes-

The officials said Israel and Greece signed an accord for naval exercises IS months ago, but never implemented the agreement. But to assuage Athens, concerned over the increasing Israeli military nes to its longtime rival Turkey. Israel recently proposed to Greece that they conduct joint navel maneuvers.

Greece agreed, Israeli officials said, and the exercises will be held in the eastern Mediterranean.

President Ezer Weizman, who wrapped up a two-day visit to Istanbul last night, also called on Egypt to consider joint air exerISTANBUL

of President Hosni Mubarak has been a vocal opponent of the Israeli-Turkish military coopera-

"If Egypt wants to exercise with our air force, Ahlan WaSahlan [they are welcome]," Weizman

But Israeli officials said Weizman's call does not reflect a formal Israeli request to Cairo. We don't think the Egyptians would agree so there is no point in an official proposal," an official said. "The president is telling the Egyptians that what Israel is doing with Turkey can also happen with Egypt'

The president spent most of yesterday meeting with foreign leaders as well as leading Turks. The Turkish politicians expressed support for their country's relationship with Israel, despite Arab objections.

two countries cannot be considered against the interests of any country in the region," said outgoing Prime Minister Mesut Yilmaz. His predecessor, Tansu Ciller,

agreed "It is something both governments have agreed to," she said. "It cannot be retracted."

For his part, Weizman said be discussed with Ciller "Turkey's problems," an allusion of the efforts by the Welfare Party to form an Islamic-led government. But, mindful of his previous sug-gestion that the Turkisb army would stop such a coalinon, be refused to elaborate. "Who am I to give advice and bow to form gov-

governments?" he asked.



President Ezer Weizman (right) shares a laugh with UN Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali as they leave the Lutfi Kirdar Center in Istanbul yesterday. They were attending a plenary session of the UN Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II).

Liba'i gives Ben-Yair strong support

EVELYN GORDON

positions. It is the attorneygener-

al's job to hring potential problems

with cabinet appointments to the attention of the prime minister-elect now, rather than letting some-

one be appointed who will have to

resign soon afterwards, if and

Liba'i also praised Netanyahu's

decision not to replace Ben-Yair,

Even though the attorneygener

al is appointed by the cabinet in from the moment he is appointed,

he is independent," Liba'i said. "If

there was a tendency to replace the

attorneygeneral as soon as the gov-

emment changed, it would create

the impression that this is like a

ministerial appointment. It would

would have set up a committee to reappointment.

when an indictment is filed.

at least in the short run.

Shahak: At least two terror squads took part in ambush

AT least two Hizbullah guerrilla squads took part in Monday's fatal ambush, and a Hizbullah gunman may have strolled among the dead and wounded Israeli soldiers, Chief of General Staff Lt .-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak said

Shahak made the remarks following a visit to Haifa's Rambam Hospital, where he met with five of the eight soldiers wounded in the ambush. Two of the wounded were listed in serious but stable condition.

Before visiting the hospital, Sbahak, accompanied by OC Northern Command Maj.-Gen. Amiram Levine, toured the site of the ambush along the Ali Taher ridge in the security zone. War with Hizbullah means we

have to constantly examine what

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we can do better to prevent Hizbullah from having successes, and harm Hizbullah as much as we can in every place where they are. This is exactly what we are going to do," Shahak said.

Sbahak said the fire-fight took place at very close range, between two or three meters.

"Maybe even one of the terrorists passed between some of the people in the [IDF] force. There were at least two terrorist squads. I believe that most of the people were wounded in the first seconds with the first burst of fire," Shahak said.

He said the fire-fight lasted about 10 minutes.

The Hizbullah gunman who opened fire on the Israeli squad as

it returned from an all-night ambush reportedly popped out from behind the brush, bandoliers of bullets hanging from his neck, and fired at least 150 rounds from a PK heavy machine gun, Ha'aretz reported.

Shahak asked reporters accompanying him to leave him in private with the wounded soldiers so he could hear their version of the attack. He later said the military inquiry had not yet found any sig-nificant flaw in the way the soldiers behaved.

When the wbole investigation is completed we'll know exactly what bappened," Shahak told

The army is expected to wrap up the inquiry over the weekend, and submit it at the beginning of next

Third Way, Likud 'making progress'

THE Third Way and Likud were "making progress" toward coming up with a clause in the coalition guidelines on the Golan that is acceptable to both parties, Third Way MK Yehuda Harel said yes-

"We have not yet reached agreement, but we are on the way," said Harel, after an afternoon meeting with the Likud's negotiating team on the draft of the new government's guidelines.

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Earlier in the day, Third Way leaders expressed disappointment in the clause on the Golan, saying that it did not go far enough. "In the guidelines it is written that

Israeli will ensure that the Golan stays part of Israel," Third Way leader Avigdor Kahalni said. "But why should they ensure this in the future? Why don't they do it now?" Kahalni said that "If I read

between the lines, there is room

Way has only negotiated with the Likud ahout the government's guidelines, and not about the distribution of portfolios.

THE Health Ministry vesterday warned the public not to undergo injections of liquid silicone for temporarily removing skin wrinkles, widening the lips and

Public warned against liquid silicone injections increasing breast size. Such services have been widely advertised in the press in the past few years, hut the ministry had issued no

previous warnings.

The ministry urged anyone who intends to bave cosmetic treatments to first check whether the material used has been approved Judy Siegel hy the ministry.

for suspicion. They wrote it this way to leave the door open. There are things you leave the door open on, and there are other things on which you need to close the door. We need to remain on the Golan.

period. Harel said that so far the Third

be seen hy the state comptroller, where the only three months ago. political appointment, which is not appointment is for one five-year term with the possibility of a sec-However, he said, there is also appropriate. ond, could create even greater Liba'i said that had he remained the fact that both cases are suddenly relevant, because both men were in office for a second term, he subservience, due to a desire for

Experts: If guilty, then bar Eitan from any cabinet post

JUSTICE Minister David Liba'i

expressed strong support for Attorney-General Michael Ben-

Yair yesterday, at his final meet-

ing with journalists.

The attorney-general is doing his job," he said, when asked about

what Likud sources have charged

is a politically motivated wave of

indictments. Ben-Yair announced

that he planned to indict Jerusalem

Mayor Ehud Olmert (Likud) on

Monday, and he appears to be

about to indict Tsomet leader

Liba'i explained that the attor-

ney-general's job is first and fore-

most to decide on cases within a

reasonable time frame. In Eitan's

case, the police investigation ended

only recently; in Olmert's case,

Ben-Yair was awaiting the outcome

of a trial of others involved in the

being considered for ministerial

Rafael Eitan as well.

The reasoning behind Ben-Yair's reported decision was apparently as follows: In its 1993 ruling barring Aryeh Deri from any ministerial post because of the indictment against him, the High Court of Justice explicitly said that not all indictments

Prof. Asher Maoz. of Tel Aviv University Law School noted there is a precedent for barring a person from one specific ministry: Following the Kahan report on the Sabra and Shatila massacre, then attorney-general Yitzhak Zamir ruled that Ariel Sharon could no

longer serve as defense minister. would understand if [Ben-Yair] said '[Eitan] cannot be the police minister, or 'he cannot be the justice minister,' " Maoz said, explaining that these are posts involved in the administration of justice, where the perception of integrity is very important. "Just because someone is not fit for one post does not mean be is not fit for

any post."
"But if I'm afraid to give him access to databases, I don't know that I would want him in the govemment at all," he continued.

"First of all, I'm not sure there's any government ministry which doesn't have access to databases ... But more than that, any cabinet minister receives very sensitive information," he said, noting that the parameter set by the High Court was what an appointment would do to the public's trust in the government. "After all, the man would be participating in

Prof. Claude Klein of Hebrew University Law School took an even stronger line.

examine the division of authority

between the justice minister, the

Supreme Court president, the attor-

ney-general and the state attorney,

and he recommended that the new

government do so, if it can be done

without looking like the outgrowth of personal quarrels among these office-holders. Each of these four

offices derives its authority from a

patchwork of different laws, with

no general view of what the divi-

If such a committee were estab-

lished, he continued, one of the

issues it should consider is the

attorney-general's term of office.

Currently, the attorney-general

serves at the cabinet's discretion,

and this creates a concern that he

might become too subservient to

the cabinet. However, he said, a

system such as that in place for

sion of labor should be, he said.

"It doesn't seem reasonable to me," he said. "If a man is not fit [to serve in certain ministries], he's not fit to be in the government at all." However, Klein said he was

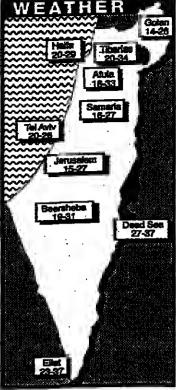
even more concerned with the fact that this decision constituted an inappropriate increase in the attorney-general's involvement in political affairs. "This gives [the attorney-gener-

al] an influence on the composition of the government. He decides which portfolio is sensitive and which isn't," he said. "It gives too much discretion to the attomey-general in a matter which is clearly political." "It is practically an attempt to

dictate the composition of the cabinet," agreed Dr. Ze'ev Segal, senior lecturer in law at Tel Aviv University and legal commentator for Ha'aretz.

Segal also agreed with Klein's statement that there is no basis for barring anyone from only one cabinet post.

"On the surface, this approach appears highly unreasonable," he said. "Unfitness to serve as a minister should be general ... because membership in the cabinet is membership in the cabinet."



AROUND THE WORLD



Winning cards

In yesterday's Mifal Hapayis daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the king of spades, king of hearts, nine of diamonds and nine of cinbs.

US concerned over Russian restrictions on Agency

HILLEL KUTTLER

THE State Department said yesterday that it views Russia's restrictions on Jewish Agency activity with "great concern," but that lower-level bureaucrats rather than official government policy was likely responsible.

Department spokesman Nicholas Burns told reporters that US amhassador Thomas Pickering met Tuesday with Moscow chief Rabbi Pinchas Goldschmidt and would meet him again today as a 'very clear demonstration" of the US's concern.

The Washington Post reported yesterday that the Russian govcrument has moved to curb the activities of the agency.

In a report from Moscow, the newspaper said in recent weeks the government had ordered the closure of a number of regional offices of the agency.

Quoting the chief rabbi of Moscow and other unidentified sources, the Post said Russian authorities ordered the elosure within 72 hours of the Jewish Agency office in Pyatigorsk, a southern Russian town which is a key departure point for Jews' going to Israel.

Peres, Hussein to receive Liberty Medal

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - Prime Minister Shimon Peres and King Hussein of Jordan, hailed for their pursuit of peace in the Middle East, have been chosen as co-recipients of the 1996 Philadelphia Liberty Medal.

The award, which includes a \$100,000 prize, is presented dur-ing the city's July 4 festivities at Independence Hall.

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National Headquarters/Investigations Branch - Missing Persons Bureau

The Israel Police requests the assistance of the public, in its endeavors to find three missing persone: Shlomit Bleichman, her companion, Amiram Hochberg, and their son, Ital Bleichman-Hochberg, residents of Rehovot, who were last seen on May 15, 1996, in Rehovot, since when their whereabouts are unknown.

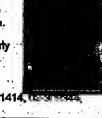
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Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair's ruling was with regard to which portfolio Rafael Eitan can or cannot receive. However, legal experts were unanimous yesterday in saying that if Ben-Yair has indeed decided to bar Eitan from certain ministries, but not all, this decision would be irrational.

should deny a person the right to be a minister. Since the crime of which Eitan is suspected does not involve moral turpitude, this exception clause may apply to him. However, the alleged crime involved obtaining confidential personal data from the IDF computer database and using it to pressure fellow Tsomet activists to leave the party. Therefore, it is better not to put him in a position where he would have access to

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